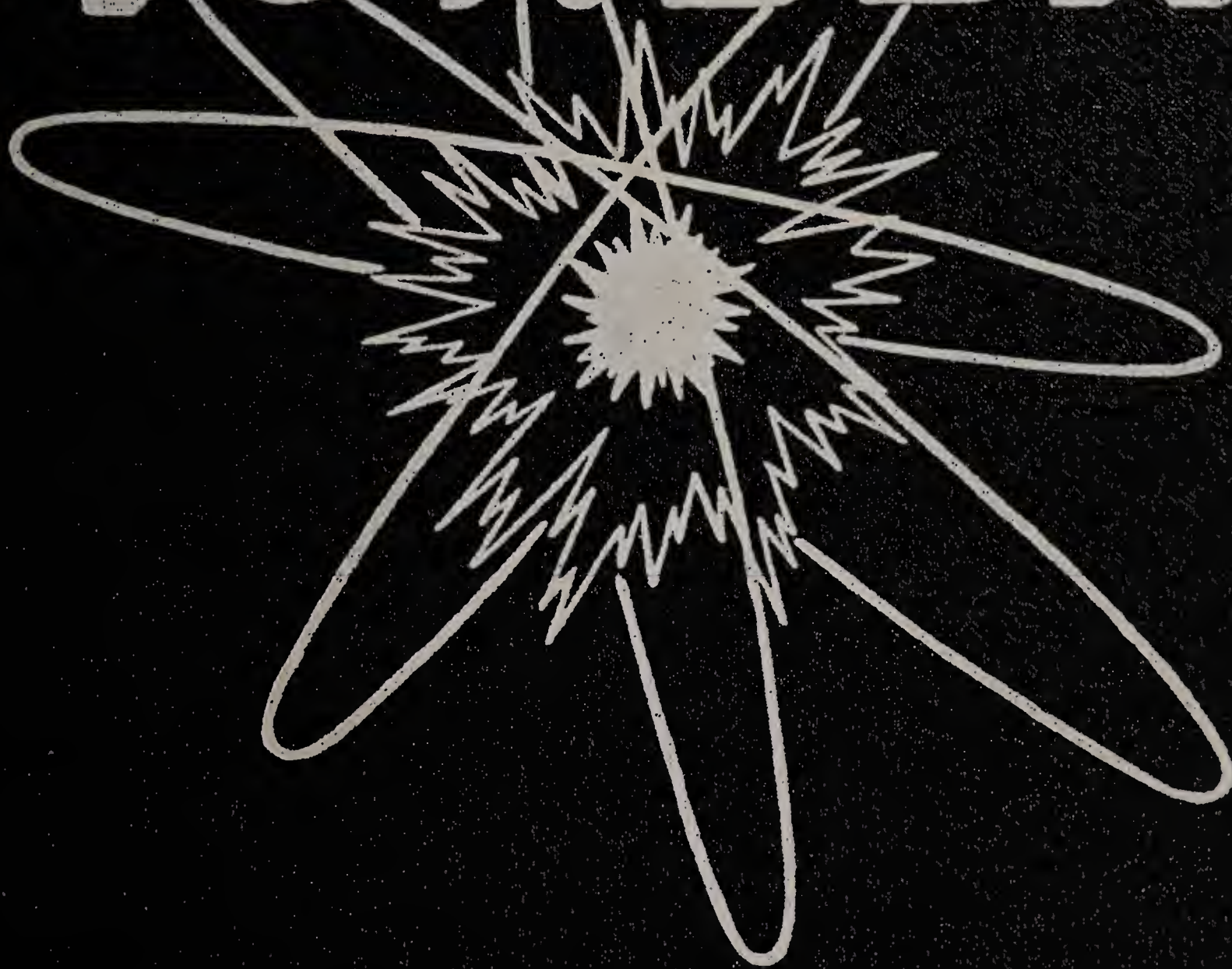
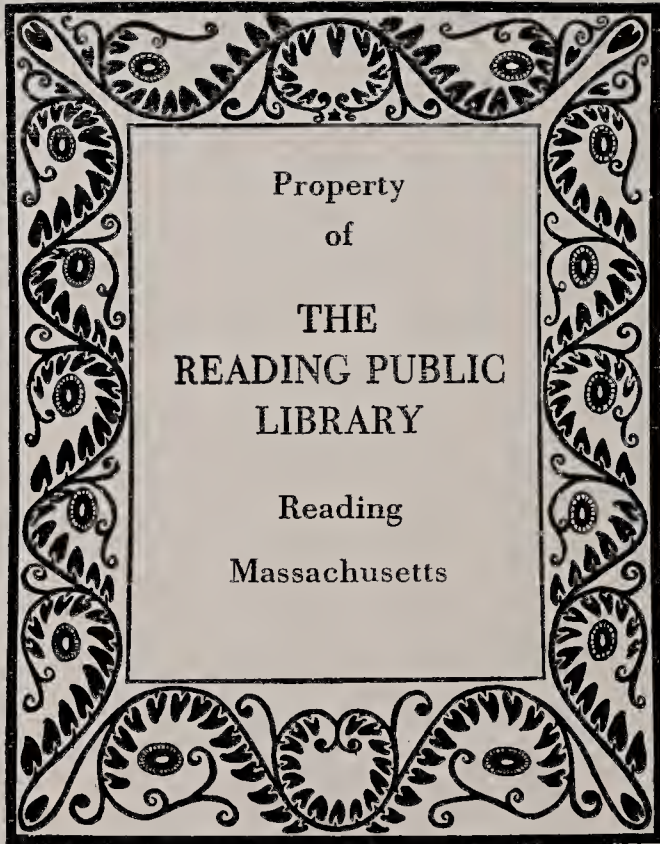


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to those individuals who devote their lives to
the attainment of this ideal.

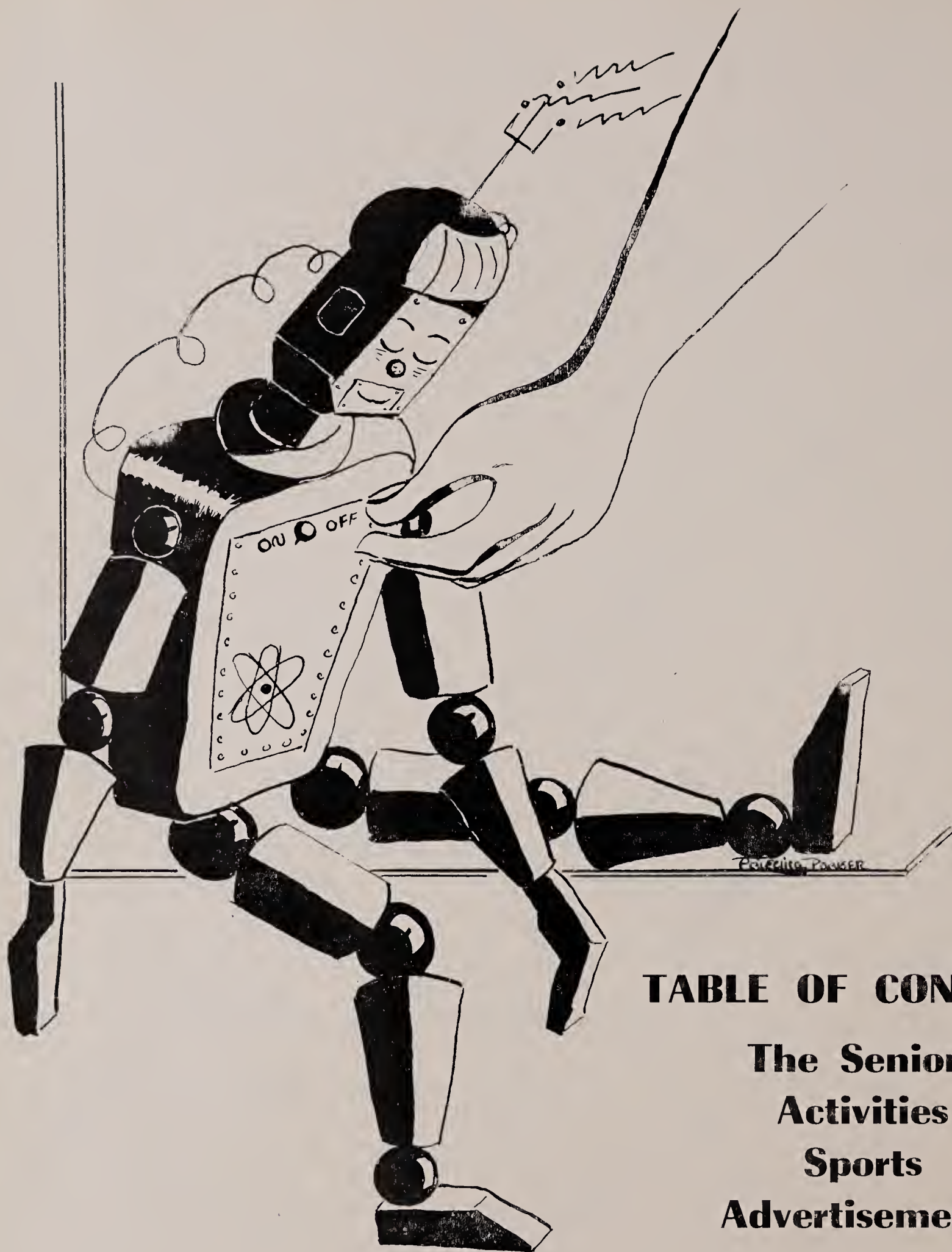


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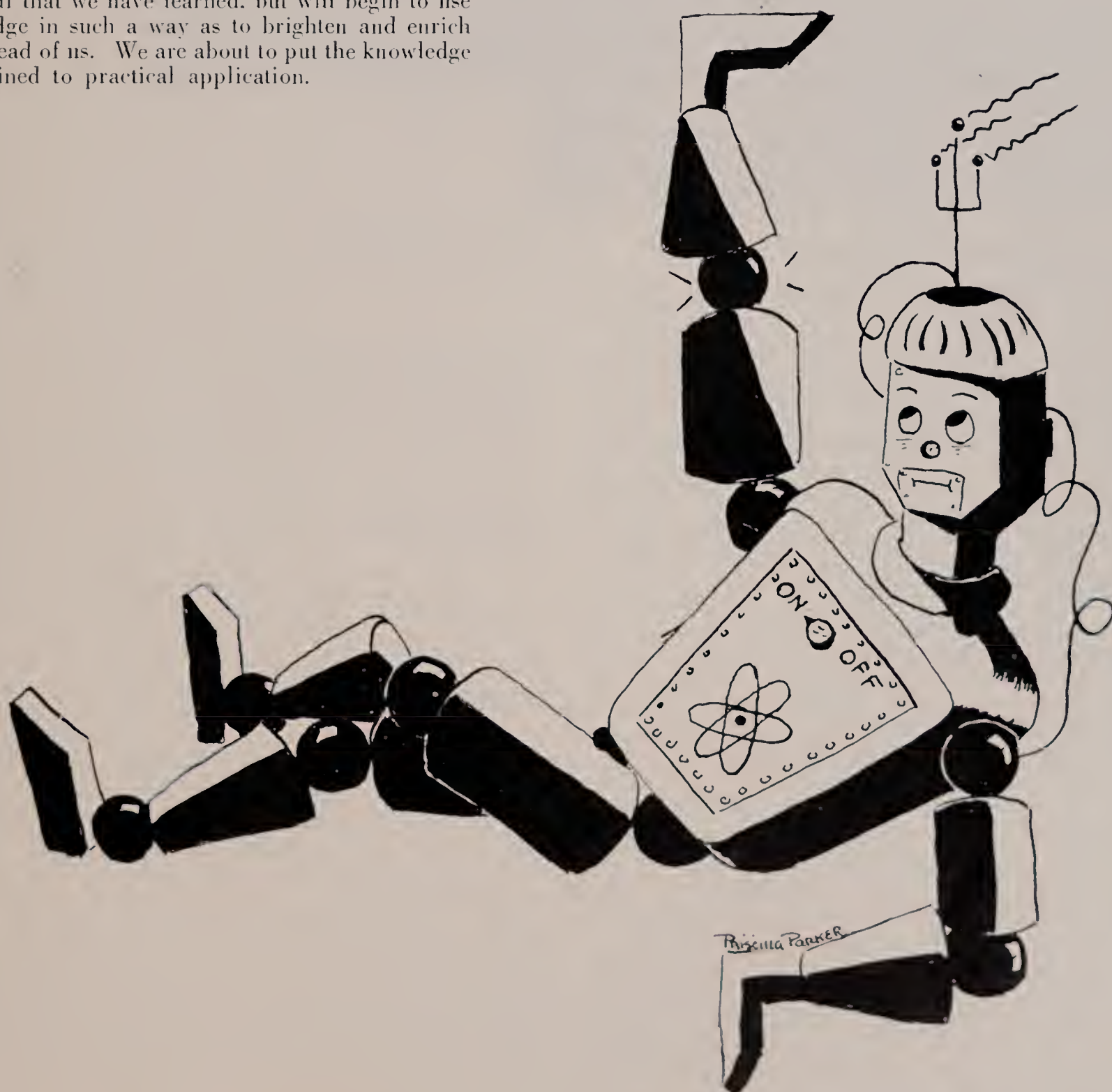
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FOREWORD

We have arrived at the midpoint of the century. During the past fifty years the world has made many important discoveries, particularly in scientific fields. For the next fifty years the world will go on to develop even newer and greater ideas, but the discoveries made in the past will not be forgotten. Instead, tempered by time, they will become the tools with which we will make our dreams of today become the realities of tomorrow. Thus the mid-century year is a milestone in the advancement of civilization.

To us, the seniors of Reading High School, 1950 is a milestone in a special sense. It is the year in which we end one type of life and begin another. During the first part of our lives, we, too, have been studying, learning and making discoveries. From this time on we will not forget all that we have learned, but will begin to use our knowledge in such a way as to brighten and enrich the years ahead of us. We are about to put the knowledge we have gained to practical application.

This Pioneer is a record of the years in which we have been learning — a record of our work, our play, our problems and our progress at R.H.S. We have been participating in school life in all its various phases; we are about to go on to the proverbial "wide world", fortified by the knowledge which we have gained. It has been said that the world today has entered upon the "Atomic Age", a new era. Grateful for the benefits of the past and hopeful for the promise of the future, we have chosen this modern age and its symbolic atom as the theme of our yearbook, the 1950 Pioneer.





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Class of 1950:

You are casting aside your swaddling clothes at the end of the first half of a trouble-ridden century. From now on, you will have to begin to take your place in the adult world, either in productive work or in productive higher education. The way that you have exercised your talents during the past twelve years will determine to a great extent how you will attack the problems you must face in the more mature and exacting world you are about to enter.

Fortunately you live in a Republic which is based on the ideal of democracy. Democracy has recently been described by the newly elected president of Yale, A. Whitney Griswold, as follows: "By democracy I mean a political society in which the greatest possible measure of justice implicit in the phrase 'equal opportunity' is combined with the greatest possible measure of freedom and encouragement for the individual to develop his own talent, initiative, and moral responsibility."

Ask yourself this question: Have I taken full advantage of my democratic opportunities? Then ask yourself the more important question: Will I from now on take full advantage of the vast opportunities that a free democracy provides? Even if you do not plan to continue your formal education in some institution of higher learning, you must not terminate your education with graduation from this high school. Not only is education important for you as an individual, but also it is an inescapable part of the process of government under which we are fortunate to live.

Education, as we have tried to point out to you during your school years, is not a quantitative body of memorized knowledge salted away in a card file. It is a taste for knowledge, a capacity to explore, to question, to perceive relationships. Education should be delightful as well as useful to you. It makes every man or woman a better and happier citizen, whether in a profession or at the lathe, whether in the salesroom or in the pulpit. Education makes it possible for you to attack the practical problems of life as well as to enjoy living.

As I indicated in my opening lines, you graduates of 1950 are facing a troubled world. Most of these troubles are man-made. What man has created, man can modify and change. If you can help to destroy the evil in this world and replace it with good, you will have made a great contribution to the second half of this century. There are many that feel that we are faced with the inevitable, that nothing we can do will change the course of history. I can not go along with this philosophy. I believe that man-made problems can be solved by man if he has the will to solve them.

If you accept this admittedly more difficult approach of solvability rather than the drifting, resigned philosophy of inevitability, I feel sure that you can make your world a brighter and a more peaceful place in which to live. I have great confidence in the Class of 1950. I believe that you will do your share in solving the difficult national and international problems before you, and that while solving them you will do your share to protect the type of government that makes a free public education possible for all.

Rudolf Sussmann

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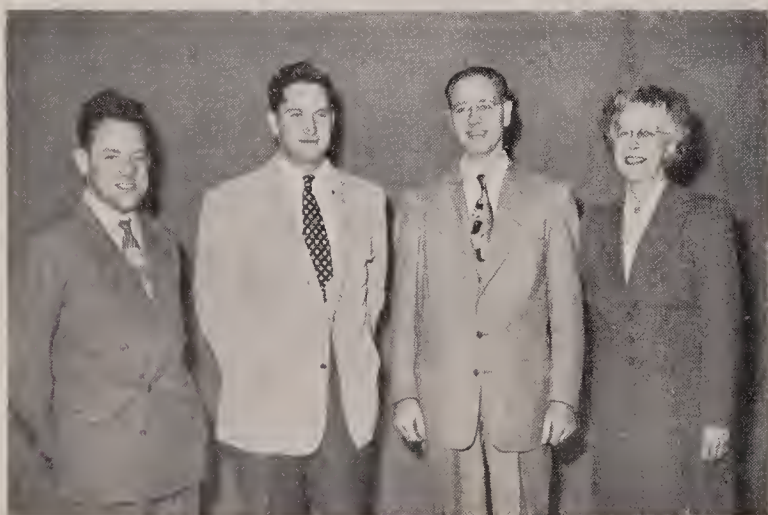
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BRUCE BARMBY

Student Council

The purposes of the Reading High School Student Council are (1) to provide for the organization of groups within the school through which the students may carry on their own collective affairs and (2) to give students in the high school training in self-government and to give the students opportunity to discuss and act upon school affairs and problems pertinent to the social life of the school. The Student Council consists of one pupil elected from each homeroom, the presidents of the three classes, the sports captains, the president of the Honor Society, and the editor-in-chief of the *Pioneer*.

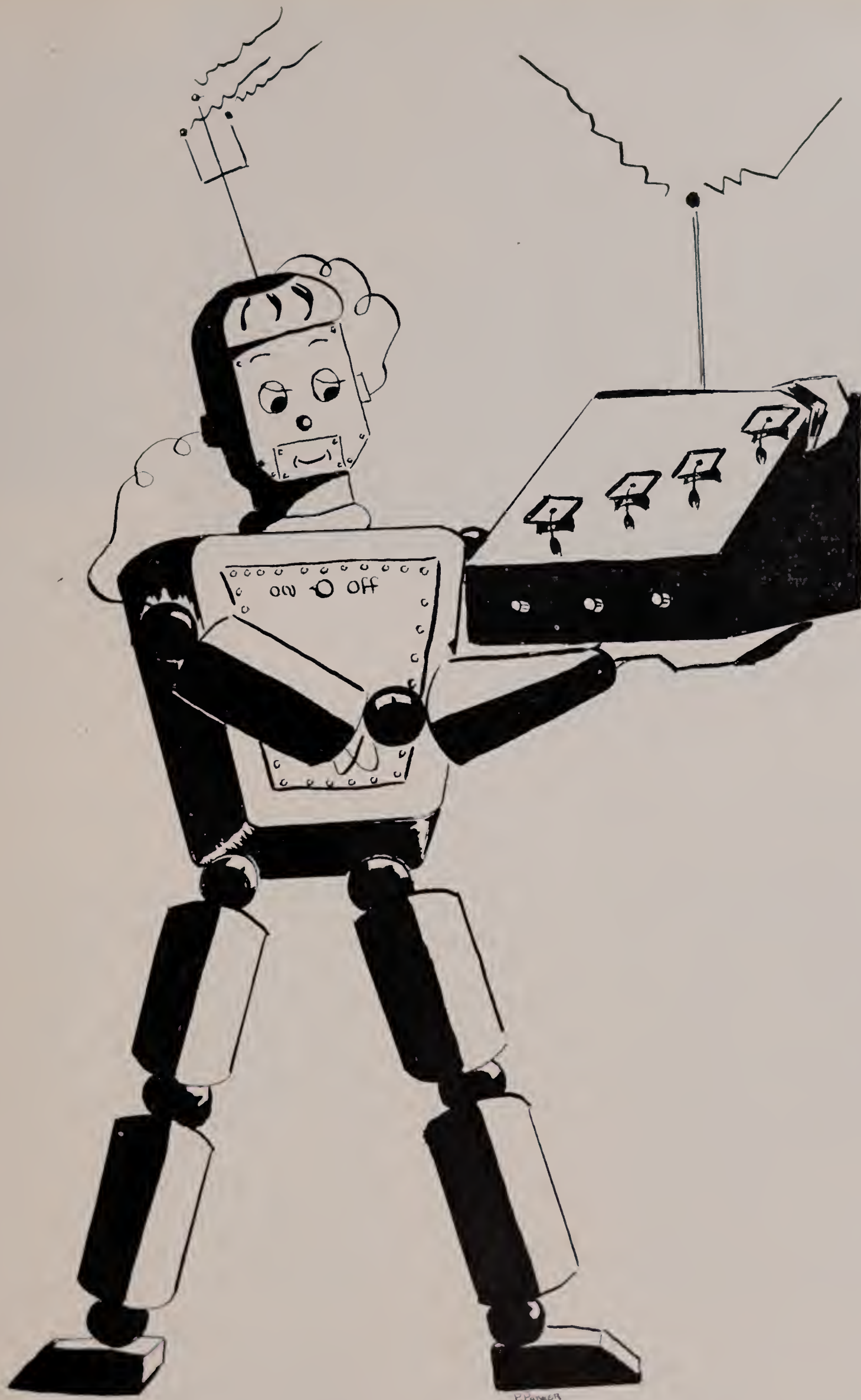
This year the presidents of the classes were Joseph Fraumeni, senior; Cynthia Nelson, junior; and Joyce Frazier, sophomore. The sports captains on the council were Donald Bella, Ralph Heselton, and Francis Rose. Pauline Stephan served as editor-in-chief of the *Pioneer*. Homerooms were represented by the following students:

Janet Baisley, Joyce Skinner, Patricia Lothrop, Alma Skinner, Marilyn Ross, Ellen Hill, Helen Ceder, Ruth Wheeler, James Stanton, Carolyn Snow, Janet Jones, Marilyn Roscoe, Elizabeth Elwell, Ruth Towle, Janet Farnsworth, Thomas Bunker, Thomas McNabola, Nancy Phillips, Richard Gelotti, Joseph Meier, Gerald Corindia, David Turner, Robert Roach, Thomas Lyons, Wilson Smith, Bruce Barnby, and George Morris.

This year the council made several important additions to school activities. One of its chief undertakings was to inaugurate the Reading High School chapter of the National Honor Society. With the guidance and cooperation of Mr. Sussmann and Mr. Spencer this became an active student organization.

All in all the Student Council enjoyed a very successful year, and in so doing made many contributions to school and student life.

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National Honor Society

One of the first projects brought before the Student Council was the organization of a Reading Chapter of the National Honor Society. A committee consisting of Pauline Stephan, Carolyn Snow, Nancy Glover, Allison Phinney, James Killam, and Donald Davis wrote a constitution, and sent in the credentials necessary to make the Reading Chapter an actuality. The object of the chapter, as stated in the constitution, is to "create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in the pupils of Reading High School."

Members are elected from a group of candidates of outstanding scholastic ability, on the basis of service,

leadership, and character. From the senior class, those twenty-two students who had maintained an average of eighty-seven or better throughout their three years in high school were automatically chosen as charter members of the Honor Society. Underclassmen may be chosen as probationary members, and, if they continue to satisfy the requirements of the chapter, they may be elected to full membership by a committee of representatives from both student body and faculty.

Although primarily a senior activity, the Honor Society benefits the entire school. The charter members did not have as much time as they would have liked to plan activities, since the chapter was not fully organized until early spring, but the Honor Society is destined to become one of the most active school organizations.

President



Joseph F. Fraumeni

Joe . . . synonym for activity . . . in fact, his activities read like a Red Book . . . Senior Class President, Junior Vice-President, Headmaster's Cabinet, traffic squad, Junior Executive Board, basketball, senior play committee. . . The crystal ball predicts . . . success at Harvard. . .

Vice-President



Carolyn Snow

"Carry" . . . synonym for versatility . . . as Vice-President possesses both talent and charm. . . Assistant editor of Pioneer, co-editor of the Chronicle staff, and Worthy Advisor of Rainbow. . . Artist and seamstress. . . College is her goal. . .

Our Class Officers

Secretary



Ruth Wheeler

Sweet, charming . . . that's Ruthie . . . Class Secretary, member of Headmaster's Cabinet, Junior Woman's Club, Senior Executive Board. . . She'll remember baton twirling for R.H.S. . . Her fine record in the Secretarial Course makes inevitable her success as a legal secretary. . .

Treasurer



Elizabeth Elwell

Dark, vivacious "Libby," our high-school Treasurer for three years . . . member of the Chronicle staff, Junior Woman's Club, senior play cast, program girl. . . Capable, cheerful "Libby" would like to become a farmer's wife. . .



CATHERINE T. AGLIO

Attractive and vivacious . . . Cathy has added zest and talent to the A Cappella Choir . . . A student of home economics . . . she will attend a school of dressmaking . . . to further a skill already apparent to us all . . .



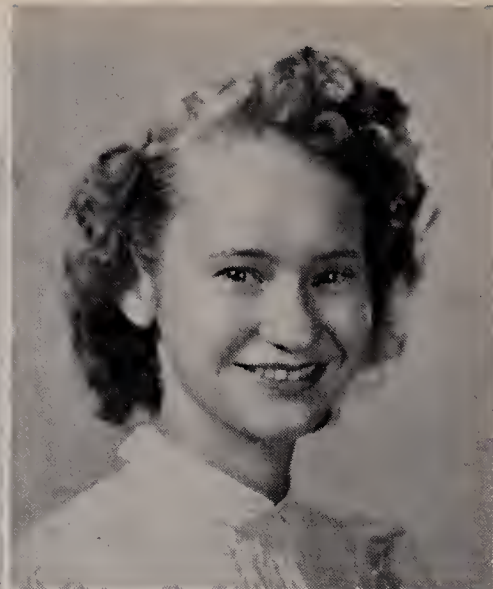
COLIN ALBEE

"Coke" followed the Scientific Course . . . with chemistry as his favorite subject . . . hopes to become a chemical engineer . . . Member of the Camera Club . . . fond memory, visits with Mr. Sussmann . . . Plans to attend the University of New Hampshire . . .



BARBARA ANDERSON

Barb . . . friendly . . . energetic . . . active in choir, senior play committees, Pioneer . . . Secretary to Miss Batchelder . . . she has shown qualifications and capability for the secretarial field . . . Barb . . . for a special reason . . . hopes to work in New York . . .



MERIDYTHER ARMITAGE

Merry . . . the life of the party . . . certain to make a hit at Lowell Teachers' College . . . Her favorite subject, shorthand . . . Program girl during the football season . . . favorite of many . . . Graduation will be her most remembered event . . .

Class of



BRUCE BARMBY

"Move along" . . . "Single file" . . . "Quiet" . . . it's Bruce, captain of the traffic squad . . . but behind those orders . . . a ready grin . . . Dislikes people who know it all . . . Next year, University of New Hampshire . . . then, his own farm . . .



THERESA BARRETT

Student of the Stenographic Course . . . Terry's favorite memory will always be Mr. Bennett . . . she lent her talents to choir, Pioneer staff . . . Has just one complaint . . . teachers who give homework over holidays . . . Aspirations . . . success in stenography . . .



JUNE BATCHELDER

"Batch" . . . our future psychologist . . . will study next year at the New England Deaconess School of Nursing . . . She has particularly enjoyed chemistry in her College Course . . . This member of the Junior Woman's Club loathes Monday mornings . . .



DONALD R. BELLA

Who was the captain of the remarkable Rockets in 1949? . . . Why, Don, of course . . . Speaking of courses . . . his was general . . . leading to the New England Conservatory next fall . . . The track team and boys chorus claim Don . . .



ROBERT ARNOLD

A scrapping guard on the Rockets of '49 . . . Lopy . . . tackled the College Course. . . . His activities . . . DeMolay, Pioneer staff, chorus, track team. . . . Lopy's next goal . . . Massachusetts Maritime Academy . . . where his score is sure to be high. . .



ELISABETH BABCOCK

Betty . . . liked chemistry and Spanish . . . hopes to be an advertising illustrator. . . . She worked on the Pioneer Art Staff, senior play property committee . . . devoted three years to the band . . . special memory . . . trips on the band bus. . .



GERARD BABCOCK

Affable "Bab" takes the General Course . . . likes gym better than history, though . . . his plans for next year are doubtful. . . . Hopes, like all of us, to see the turn of the century. . .



PAUL F. BACIGALUPO

Having taken the College Course for three years, "Baccie" hopes to attend Northeastern University. . . . An ardent sports fan . . . whose ambition, to be an accountant, coincides with his favorite subject, math. . . . He can count on success. . .

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GORDON F. BERRIDGE, JR.

Gordon . . . a gay blade who would rather dance than eat. . . . His favorite subjects in the General Course, English and math. . . . Pet peeve, homework. . . . Plans to work for an insurance company. . . . Ambition, simply to succeed. . .



DAVID BERRY

Dave . . . claims his nickname is Berry . . . plans to attend Boston University . . . sets his sights on a career as a top-rate lawyer. . . . Dave was one of the charter members of the color guard . . . enjoys English. . .



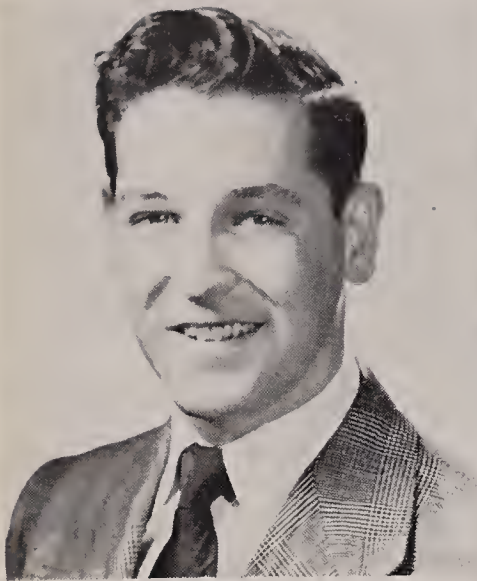
DORIS BERRY

"Dodo" . . . charming cheerleader with the lovely smile. . . . She's busy with many activities . . . dance committees, senior play, Junior Woman's Club, president of Tri-Hi-Y, to name a few. . . . The University of Connecticut beckons this gracious miss for next year. . .



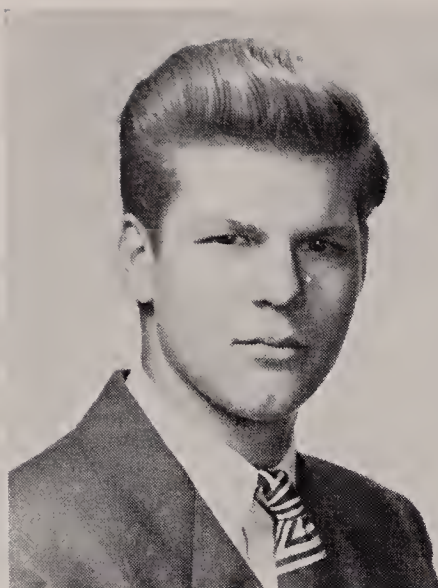
MARJORIE A. BILLINGHAM

Capable Marge . . . able competitor in the College Course . . . likes physics and will remember that wild class of boys. . . . Marge recalls no dislike . . . with that even disposition lets nothing faze her. . . . She'll attend Goddard College . . . be a lab technician. . .



DONALD BLIER

This smooth operator is renowned as an agile dancer. . . . Don took the College Course . . . looks to the Coast Guard in the future . . . hangs out with the boys to escape his nemesis . . . sophisticated girls . . . created to plague him alone. . .



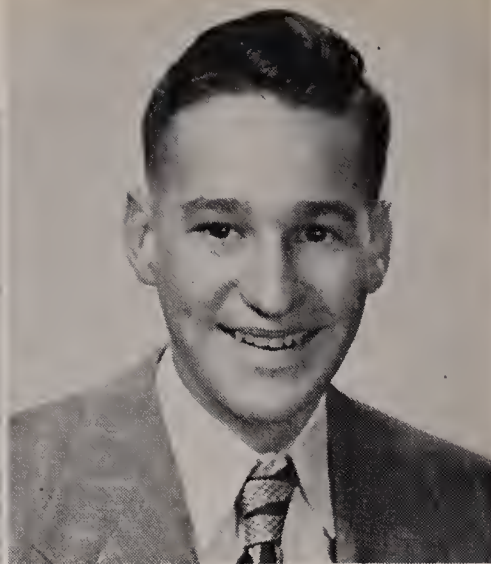
ROBERT BOUCHARD

"Bush" studied the General Course for three years . . . will always remember gym periods. . . . After graduation he will assist Uncle Sam as a U. S. Marine. . . . We'll be looking for you in that snappy uniform, Bush. . .



BARBARA BROWN

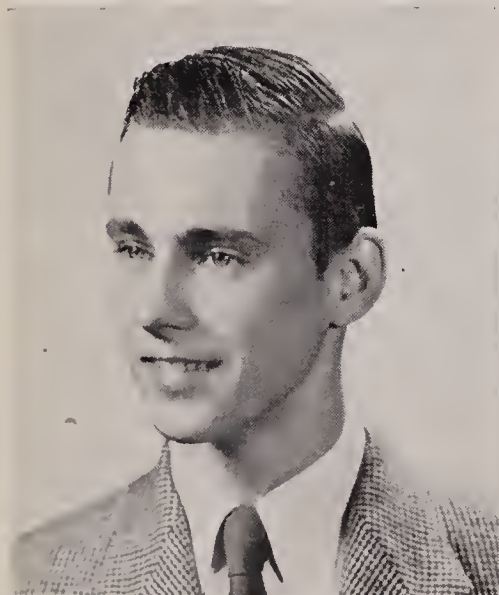
Barbie . . . or exuberance and versatility plus . . . expert dancer, swimmer, and motorist. . . . Member of the General Course . . . kept busy with Junior Woman's Club, Canteen, program girls . . . and her interest in history. . . . After high school . . . wedding bells. . .



PETER J. BURBINE

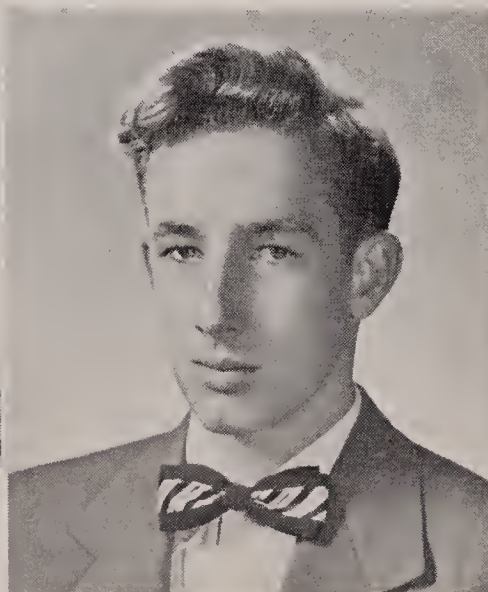
Buddy . . . an ice and roller-skating enthusiast. . . . He's undecided about the future . . . but hopes to learn some sort of trade. . . . His favorite subject is math . . . and he's partial to math teachers . . . if any. . .

Class of



DAVID C. CARPENTER

Dave took a mixed course . . . looking forward to business school. . . . He's a confirmed hater of women drivers. . . . His hobby, photography, led to membership in the Camera Club. . . . Dave's ambition falls into the popular category . . . to make money. . .



EARLE S. CARTER

Earle . . . the boy who loves speed and racing cars . . . also, flowers. . . . Next year he'll head for University of New Hampshire . . . and the study of floriculture . . . eventually Earle would like to own his own greenhouse. . .



BARBARA CASSELY

A welcome addition to R.H.S. . . . Barbie . . . hails from Somerville . . . likes to while away the hours skating and dancing. . . . A standing joke, her daily dash for the school bus. . . . Office work, her ambition, will bring her success. . .



MARJORY CAULK

Our pretty lunchroom cashier . . . Margie . . . who hopes to join the WAC and see the world . . . while working in the secretarial field. . . . Marge will remember graduation day as a final release from homeroom teachers. . .



CHANNING BURNS

Though Chan has spent only his senior year with us, he lost no time in making friends. . . . In the College Course, he especially enjoyed music and Latin. . . . Next year he plans to attend Gordon Theological School. . .



JOHN CAIL

Two-year manager of our baseball team . . . Jessie is partial to football, too. . . . He dislikes silly girls . . . likes to stay up late. . . . In his future plans he includes a big red convertible . . . and a million dollars. . .



BARBARA CALLAHAN

A cheerful "hello", a ready smile . . . that's Barb. . . . Active on dance committees, Pioneer staff, Junior Woman's Club. . . . She follows the Business Course . . . and likes to remember Mr. Bennett's history classes. . . . Barb dislikes conceited boys . . . enjoys baseball. . .



MARY V. CARNEY

Dark-haired DeDe . . . a wonderful girl . . . lots of fun. . . . Secretary to Miss Shay. . . . Active member of Tri-Hi-Y, choir . . . worked on the Pioneer business and literary staffs . . . plans for future schooling are indefinite . . . but for DeDe . . . success. . .

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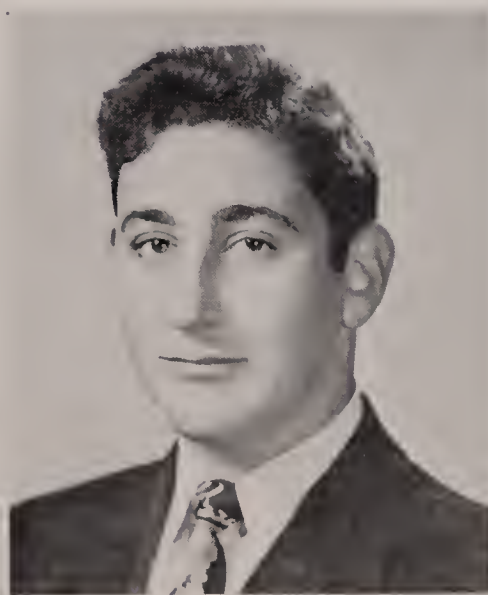
WILMON B. CHIPMAN

"Chip" . . . a strong follower of the Seientific Course and invariably an honor student . . . plans to further his education at Harvard . . . far away from R.H.S. "mockers". . . . Chip will be remembered for steady play on baseball and basketball teams. . .



RICHARD M. CLEARY

"Tad" is a member of the College Course . . . three-year member of basketball and baseball teams . . . this dimpled lad really carries out his hobbies, eating and sleeping. . . . "Misa" will remember the Tech Tourney . . . if and when. . .



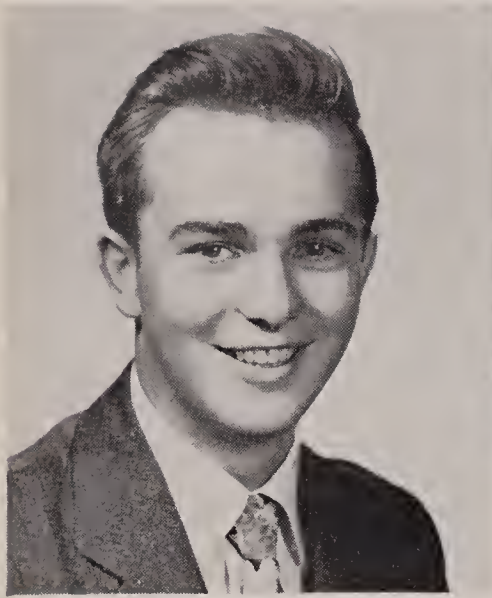
ELLIOT H. COLE

Big "Ell" or "Benny" . . . the memorable Leander Longfellow of the senior play . . . Master Councilor of DeMolay . . . weight-lifting, with many other activities, keeps him busy. . . . Recalls that solo at a football rally. . . . College in 1950. . .



FRANK J. COLLINS

Frank . . . a tall, quiet fellow . . . has struggled through the College Course successfully. . . . A very capable member of our traffic squad . . . Frank spends his leisure time with his model building . . . finds school dull . . . anticipates June happily. . .



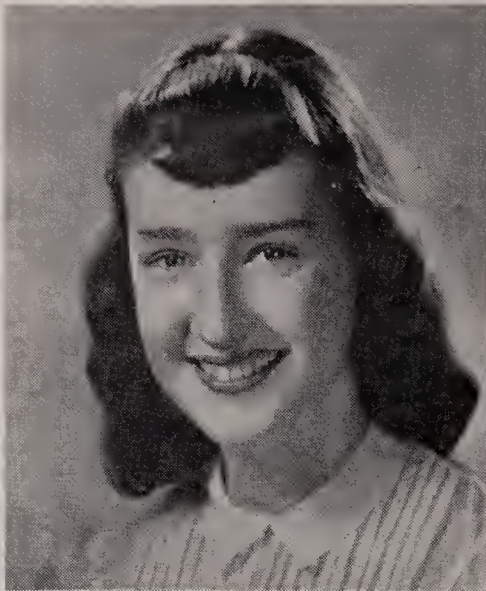
BENJAMIN CONRON

Ben . . . one of the livest wires in the senior class . . . hobby is spending money, a problem Ben will take care of by becoming a millionaire at thirty-five. . . . Remembers sitting in Mr. Sussmann's red leather chair. . .



JEANNE COOKE

"Cookie" . . . always among those present at football and basketball games . . . member of the tennis team and Junior Woman's Club . . . secretary to Mr. Pope. . . . Bookkeeping was her favorite on the Secretarial Course bill of fare. . .



PAULINE M. CROSBY

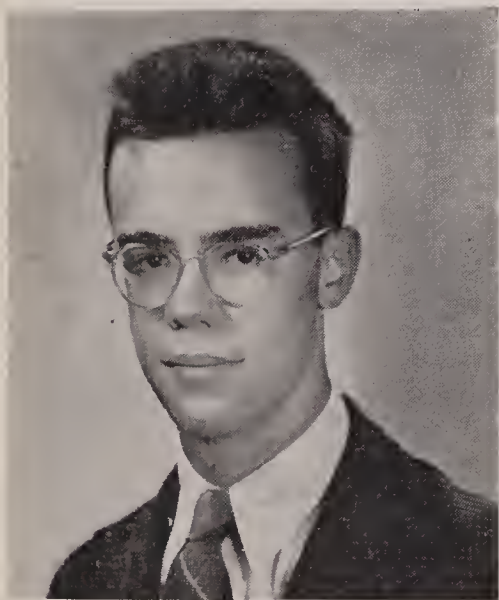
Polly . . . in the near future, a student nurse. . . . Busy in band, Junior Woman's Club, basketball. . . . Developed a nasal tone for her part in the senior play. . . . Will be tops in her chosen field. . .



GEORGE CROUSE

"Sonny" pursues the College Course . . . rates math tops . . . languages hold no fascination. . . . Many hours passed in Marine Corps Reserve . . . eventually he'll be a Marine Corps pilot. . . . The future spells prep school . . . with college in view. . .

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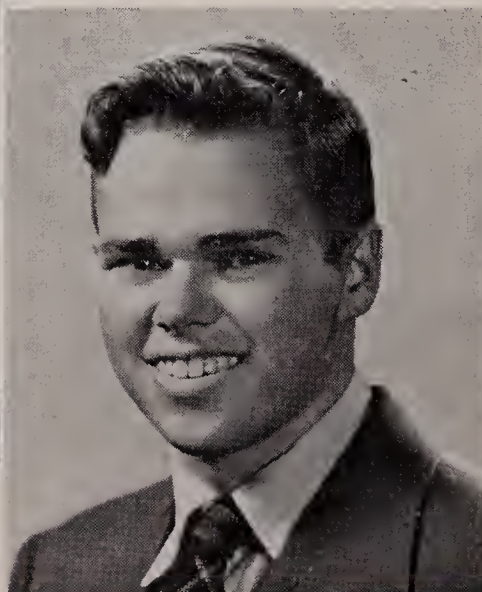
DONALD G. DAVIS

Dee . . . coasted through the College Course . . . also through a star performance in the senior play. . . . Member of DeMolay, Camera Club, tennis team. . . . Can't stand people who drive faster than he. . . . For Don . . . the very best . . . M.I.T. . .



NANCY DAVIS

Artistic Nan . . . trim, well-groomed . . . efficient in every field . . . a stand-out with brush and paint . . . an art editor of the Pioneer . . . star forward in basketball . . . lover of horses. . . . She'll study art next year. . .



WARREN DEAN, JR.

Business or college is the question at hand in Deanie's life. . . . Summers find him at work on Hopkins' Farm. . . . In schooltime he enjoys biology, chemistry, and physics. . . . Outside of school, what a golfer!



DONALD R. DECKER

An ardent follower of the Scientific Course . . . Don ranks chemistry tops. . . . Three-year man on the Rockets football team. . . . Member of DeMolay. . . . Don's going to Northeastern to fulfill his ambition . . . to become an engineer. . .



ARLINE CRYTS

Arline . . . whose amiability belies her claim that her pet peeve is human beings. . . . Divides her spare time among records, pictures. Junior Woman's Club . . . enjoys history . . . hopes to make some of her own in the field of education. . .



BARBARA CULLINANE

Always ready with a smile . . . "Cullie" . . . went through the Commercial Course. . . . Member of choir, Junior Woman's Club, tennis team. . . . Her pet peeve, shortened lunch periods. . . . With bookkeeping and English her favorites, she'll go on to Burdett. . .



JAMES J. DAGDIGIAN

Who doesn't know Didge? . . . Busied himself with the College Course . . . and DeMolay, Pioneer Staff, Canteen Council. . . . Lover of sports. . . . Outstanding in football at guard . . . skiing . . . golf . . . Didge finds time to be active in everything. . .



ARTHUR L. DAVID, JR.

From building model planes . . . to skimming down snowy mountainsides . . . such is the range of Buddy's hobbies. . . . He has enjoyed chemistry . . . particularly those intriguing experiments. . . . One of those lads who have kept us "in line". . .

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JOSEPH DEFERRARI

"Deff" has followed an Accounting Course in high school . . . favoring bookkeeping. . . . Hopes to attend a business college next year. . . . Joe found time for three years of football, boys chorus. . . . Homework and "Canteen heroes" annoy Joe. . .



BARRY E. DENNIS

Traffic squad and track team claim Barry . . . as manager of the basketball team, looks forward to the Tech Tourney. . . . Hindered only a little by French, whizzed through the College Course . . . his goal, Massachusetts Maritime Academy. . .



ROGER J. D'ENTREMONT

"Booley" . . . who sandwiched the Scientific Course between football and baseball . . . and made a success of it, too. . . . Northeastern will find him to be good material in the fall. . . . Of his subjects, physics had most appeal. . .



EILEEN DESMOND

Twirling a baton . . . whizzing around a roller-skating rink . . . there's "Red" . . . who evinces a partiality for Arlington . . . and joins in the popular acclaim for history class. . . . Junior Woman's Club, Tri-Hi-Y, baton squad claimed Eileen. . .



WILFRED E. DEWEY

Bill . . . often seen driving to Melrose in a two-tone Buick four-door sedan. . . . Struggled through the College Course, hoping to attend Brown University eventually . . . before entering college he plans to attend Vermont or Cushing Academy.



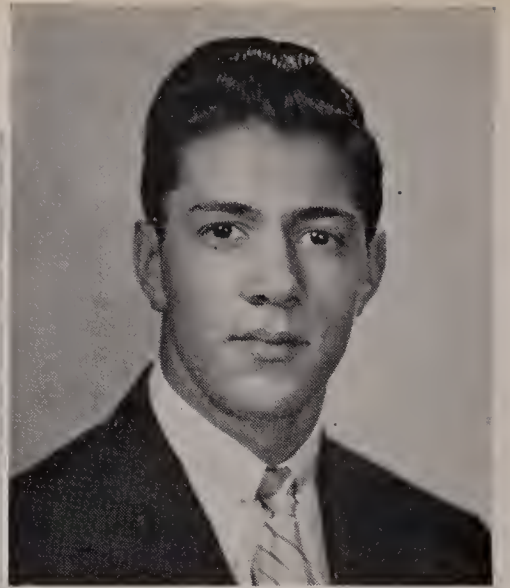
NORMA DICKINSON

Dickie . . . a born artist . . . followed the Fine Arts Course. . . . Rainbow, student teaching, Pioneer art staff claimed her. . . . Conceited people peeve her. . . . Dickie remembers the day she landed in the boys' locker room . . . by mistake, of course. . .



ALICE M. DONEGAN

One of quieter members of our class . . . Allie . . . faithful Commercial Course follower. . . . Petite, efficient, neat . . . sure to be success in business world. . . . She'll remember the trip to the Business Machine display . . . and history, her favorite subject. . .



ROBERT J. DOUCETTE

Bob takes the Practical Arts Course . . . prefers shop. . . . Is one of the few who have no pet peeves. . . . Can often be seen touring the town in his car. . . . Hopes to become a mason after high school. . .

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GEORGE H. FARR

"Get out and get under," that's George with his automobile interests and other mechanical matters . . . loves hunting, too. . . . Follows the Scientific Course. . . . Another of the multitudes wishing no homework . . . wants to go to Wentworth Institute. . .



FRANK FINO

"Fuzzy", a shop boy, hails from North Reading . . . during school, he likes English; outside, cars are his hobby. . . . Dislikes jewel be-decked girls. . . . Frank wants to become a state trooper to protect his native town. . .



THELMA FITZGERALD

That good-looking brunette is "Fitzie" . . . with big brown eyes . . . a keen sense of humor. . . . Found English her favorite subject, conceited people bothersome. . . . "Fitzie's" main interest is "Chuck". . . . She, too, looks for success in the future. . .



JOHN E. FLYNN

Spanish classes are Jack's delight . . . but he shares the general antipathy to homework. . . . Hobbies, skiing and fishing. . . . This traffic leader and Pioneer worker hopes to be a successful businessman . . . will prepare at the University of Massachusetts. . .



LEWIS DRESSER

"Lewie" . . . whose car is his pride and joy . . . spends most of his time driving it or working on it. . . . General Course . . . likes chemistry. . . . After high school he'll enter the armed services. . . . Lewie abhors women drivers. . .



ANNE DUBE

Vivaciousness . . . Anne's byword. . . . It's a busy life . . . Chronicle editor, basketball manager, program girl, on dance committees, Pioneer staff, Junior Woman's Club. . . . Our final decision is that Anne will realize her ambition, to become a legal secretary. . .



LEROY ESTEY

Leroy . . . competent in the College Course. . . . Latin (mirabile dictu) was his favorite subject. . . . Sports and reading consume his free time. . . . A member of DeMolay. . . . Harbors a grudge against buses. . . . Looks forward to Tufts or Amherst. . .



JANET FARNSWORTH

Everybody knows Jan . . . a smiling cheerleader who will always remember the first football rally . . . Chronicle staff, basketball, Junior Woman's Club, Pioneer staff, all kept her busy. . . . Next year Jan heads for Katherine Gibbs for more study. . . .

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ROBERT FORSBERG

Bob and that model A sedan . . . 8:14 found him racing down Woburn Street . . . he usually made it. . . . He'd like to organize his own band . . . if the past presages the future, this musical-minded lad will succeed. . .



ELEANOR A. FULTON

Another of the lovely Fulton girls . . . "Elna" . . . took the Secretarial Course. . . . An enthusiastic member of Junior Woman's Club . . . Tri-Hi-Y. . . . Next year, we will probably hear her friendly "Number please" . . . upon picking up the phone. . .



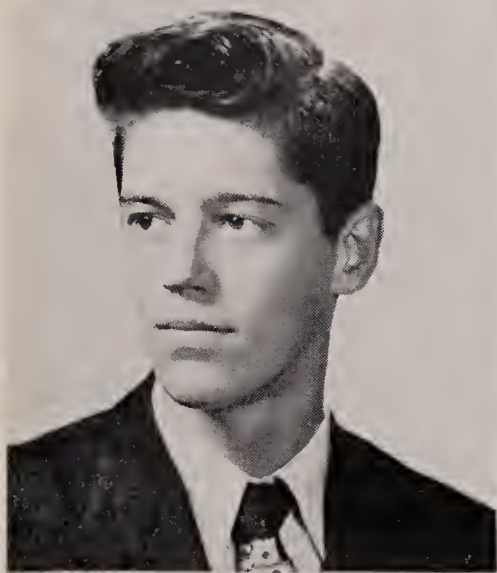
NORMA E. GARDINER

Petite and shy . . . Norma followed the General Course . . . greatly enjoyed art appreciation . . . dislikes people whose gum-chewing is audible. . . . She loves to travel, and dreams of eventually circling the globe . . . adios and have fun, Norma. . .



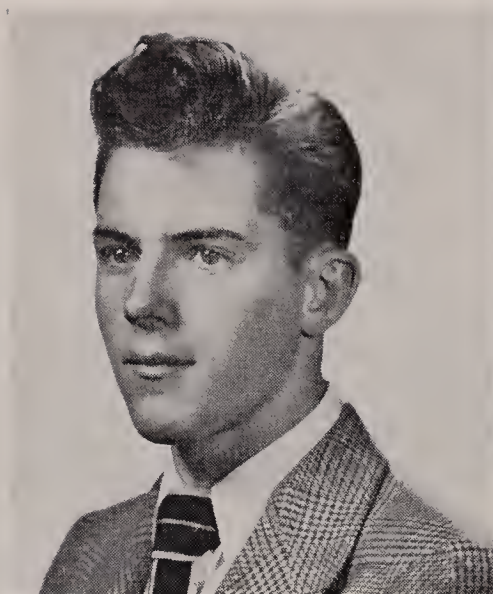
DAVID GARDNER

Dave . . . vital member of basketball and baseball teams . . . has shown skill and speed. . . . Known for his dark, wavy hair. . . . Future, Northeastern University. . . . Avows history is his favorite subject. . . . Filled a prominent position as officer in DeMolay. . .



SELDEN GERAIDE

"Tud" followed the General Course . . . with keen interest in history. . . . Active in band and DeMolay. . . . Expert trumpeter . . . plans next year to affiliate himself with a band or orchestra. . . . Put the trumpet to use, "Tud". . .



THEODORE GIFFORD

Ted . . . with the sharp shirts and sweeping pompadour . . . has set many a class to chuckling with his dry wit. . . . Heading for Michigan State, he has taken the College Course . . . hopes to own his own greenhouses. . .



GORDON GILLIS

A rather reserved fellow . . . ardent follower of the Accounting Course . . . enjoyed bookkeeping . . . ranked gym as another pleasant period. . . . Gordon's favorite pastime, sports. . . . His ambition . . . like so many others . . . to work, and wax wealthy. . .



NANCY GLOVER

Tops in everything she undertakes . . . versatile and intelligent, as evidenced by her work in Rainbow, Junior Woman's Club. . . . Student director of the senior play. . . . It's Wellesley College next year for our valedictorian. . . . People, her hobby . . . Paris, her ambition. . .

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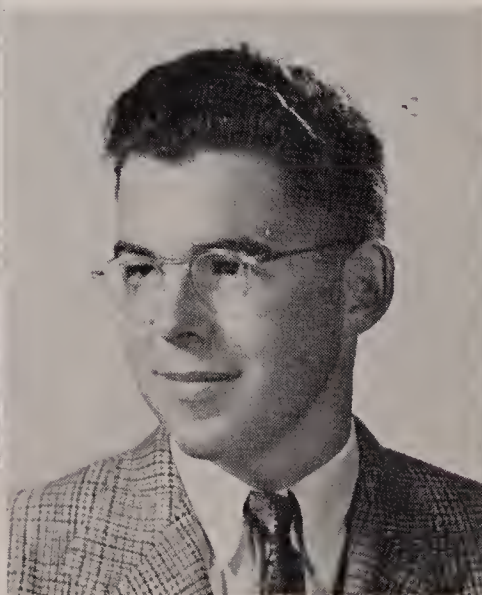
NANCY HAINES

Middlebury is Nancy's choice for next year. . . . She looks forward to an exciting career in aviation later. . . . Included in her activities are band, Rainbow, Junior Woman's Club, Pioneer staff, Y.W.C.A. . . . Homework holds no charms for Nancy. . .



JACOB HAM

Beware, infant sophomore girls . . . you're this fellow's pet peeve. . . . Jake . . . a three-year man on three teams . . . golf, basketball, football . . . four-year member of the Youth Council. . . . Jake is Bowdoin-bound after graduation. . .



WILLIAM HAMEL

"Professor" . . . who held his own in the College Course . . . and found time for Pioneer and senior play committee besides. . . . His avocation will become his vocation . . . when he has completed his study of chemistry at Northeastern. . .



GEORGE HANNA

Diligent pursuer of the College Course . . . George delights in math, physics . . . faithful worker on Pioneer staff, DeMolay. . . . His fondest memory, Mr. Spencer's Latin classes, is shared by many. . . . Next year, George trusts to Tufts for success. . .



CHARLES E. GODFREY

Captain of the golf team . . . "Skip" found English his favorite subject. . . Climbing to the third floor Monday mornings makes him groan. . . Plans to attend Bowdoin next fall . . . admits to a partiality for "Jacks". . .



CONRAD W. GRANT

A quiet member of our class . . . Conrad. . . Many cold mornings we have seen him peddling up the walk . . . to his favorite subject, physics. . . Hopes to buy a small, well-equipped farm . . . sometime in the near future. . .



EDWIN GREENYER

Bucky . . . a man of few words in school . . . outside, he can hold his own. . . Found English was not his forte . . . enjoyed math. . . Though he has no definite plans for the future . . . we predict success. . .



GERALD R. GRIFFIN

Jed . . . well-known at R. H. S. . . followed the college course. . . Sophomore baseball, boys chorus, and Pioneer staff claimed him. . . Disliked gym . . . study with Mr. Pope and Mr. Bronner pleased him. as did those sophomore girls. . .

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DONALD HANSON

"Skinny" . . . spent three years in the College Course. . . Enjoyed physics with Mr. Pope . . . remembers perfect French recitation. . . Likes to collect money . . . coins, that is. . . Future . . . Massachusetts State University. . . Wants to own his own greenhouse. . .



DONALD C. HARRIS

Don . . . can be seen whizzing on that motor scooter of his. . . This red-headed fellow avidly followed the Shop Course . . . enjoys tinkering with all motors. . . After attending Stockbridge, Don will till the Wild-West soil of Idaho. . .



NANCY HATHAWAY

Nancy . . . headed for Prince School of Retailing at Simmons . . . then on to head buyer in a fashionable store. . . With the College Course, Nancy also found time for basketball, tennis, Junior Woman's Club, Rainbow, and Tri-Hi-Y. .



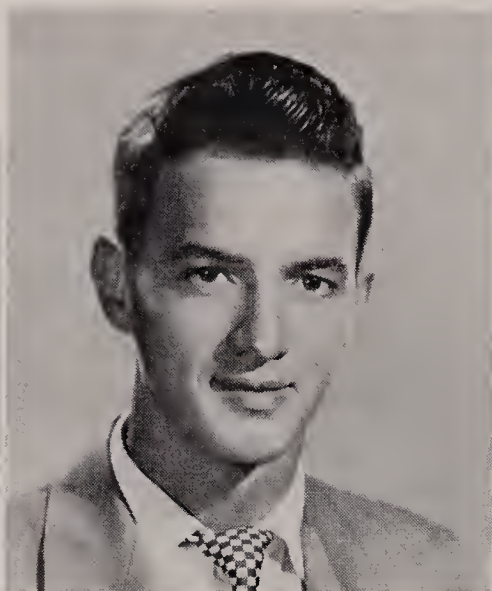
MARILYN HAYES

Pretty Marilyn . . . known as Mae . . . took the General Course . . . found biology a favorite. . . State Teacher's College in Maine will prepare her for teaching second grade. . . What's Mae's pet peeve? . . . girls who steal others' boy-friends. . .



ROBERT HEGARTY

A transfer from St. Pat's . . . Heg . . . blond, handsome, sports enthusiast. . . . Fared very well in football, basketball, and baseball. . . . Took the College Course . . . found time to add his superior talents to both CYO and Y teams. . .



RALPH HESELTON

"Manny" . . . General Course member . . . capable basketball captain . . . hook-shot artist . . . top golfer on the golf team. . . . Pursued his hobby diligently on the Meadowbrook course . . . watch his rise to fame as a golf pro. . . . "Manny" will travel South. . .



LESLIE A. HIGGINS

Quiet and dependable Leslie followed the Secretarial Course . . . especially enjoyed history and Mr. Bennett . . . has a lofty ambition . . . that of airline hostess. . . . Her fondest memory, that graduation day in June. . . . Success is certain for Leslie. . .



ROBERT HULSMAN

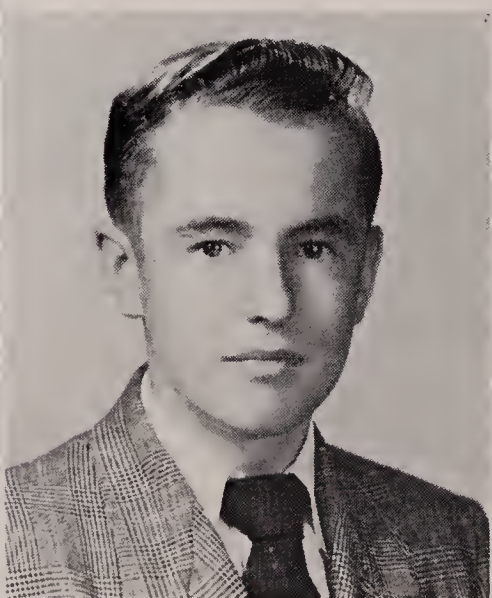
Bob . . . rather quiet . . . a hard worker in the College Course. . . . Plans to go on with further education . . . possibly Connecticut. . . . Privileged to attend Boys' State last year. . . . Spends much spare time on his hobby, model aviation. . .

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NATEALIE JOHNSON

Nat . . . pretty, sophisticated, active in school life. . . . "Imogene" in the senior play . . . member of Junior Woman's Club, Pioneer Staff, a program girl. . . . Decorating for school dances was fun for Nat . . . who's heading for Bradford Junior College. . .



ROBERT JONES

"Bobby" . . . "Gnome" . . . "Jonesy" . . . he answers to them all. . . . Bob hopes to attend Boston College, where he will further his ambitions in journalism. . . . He hopes to attain a height of six feet . . . his hobby, sleepin' and eatin'. . .



DOROTHY JORDAN

"Red" . . . pursuing the General Course . . . with the possibility of attending Malden Business School. . . . Finds time to belong to the Pioneer staff, choir, Junior Woman's Club. . . . Claims that she will never forget Mr. Bennett's history classes. . .



BARBARA KELCH

Barbara . . . the lucky girl that belongs to those long, low Studebakers . . . claims her hobby is collecting them. . . . Art Course. . . . Program girl, Junior Woman's Club. . . . Some day Barbara hopes to emerge from the Academie Moderne as a glamour model.



SAMUEL HUNT

Sam . . . synonymous with a shout of laughter and a faculty frown . . . has left his mark on the Dramatic Club, Pioneer staff, traffic squad, senior play. . . . Claiming math as his forte and pride . . . he'll lend his wit to M.I.T. . .



GERTRUDE JEFFERSON

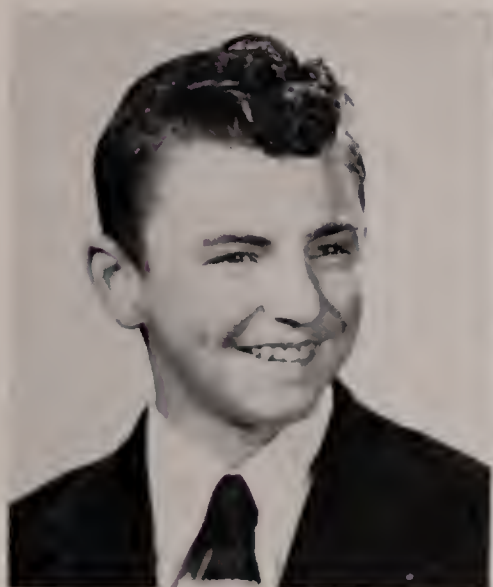
Blonde, whimsical, competent . . . Gert . . . active in basketball, Junior Woman's Club, baton squad . . . capable representative at Girls' State . . . who will go on to Colby next September . . . to prepare for a future in her chosen field . . . government. . .



BEVE

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JOSEPH V. KENNEDY, JR.

Top-notch baseball player in any league . . . little Joe . . . the future will find him in Uncle Sam's Navy . . . Admiral Joe took the College Course . . . not overwhelmed with the love of it . . . but weathered its storms. . .



JAMES W. KILLAM, III

Our salutatorian . . . Jim . . . remembers the '49 graduation, when he received the Harvard Prize Book . . . enjoys foreign languages . . . dislikes head-on collisions. . . . Plans for Yale, then a law degree. . . . Active on Pioneer, in football, track, dance committees, De-Molay. . .



VIRGINIA KIMBALL

Ginnie . . . snapped her fingers at the College Course . . . with Spanish a favorite. . . . A member of the Pioneer staff, Junior Woman's Club, junior baton squad. . . . Ginny plans to go to Bates . . . to prepare for social work. . .



JAMES KNOX

To those who have ridden with Jimmy, his professed dislike for "mad drivers" will seem strange. . . . Ambition, to have a good job . . . a new convertible . . . and money. . . . Plans to be a television engineer. . .



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ALICE LEONARD

An attractive brunette, Alice was our alternate member of the cheerleading squad. . . . Counted basketball, tennis, Junior Woman's Club among her other activities. . . . Dreams of being a fashion designer. . . . Few seniors will forget her pleasing personality. . .



ALDANA R. LIVINGSTON

"Dana" . . . with a mischievous streak behind her solemn exterior . . . wants to teach the sixth grade. . . . Deplores silly people. . . . Chem with Mr. Adams is preferred. . . . Takes the College Course in preparation for Teachers' College. . . . Belongs to Rainbow. . .

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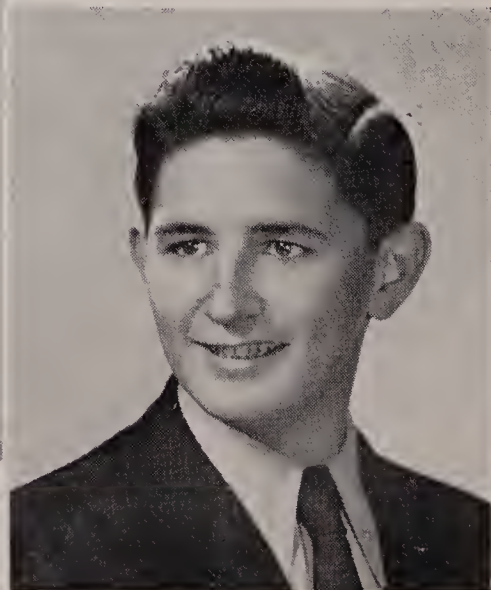
WILLIAM E. MacBRIEN

One of our good-natured shop boys. . . . The proud owner of one of those "klinks" that bedeck our parking space. . . . "Mac" . . . hopes to attend night school . . . to become a truck driver . . . or a meat-cutter. . .



BARBARA MacLEAN

Those Monday morning blues . . . detested by Barb . . . who is Bates-bound to prepare for a career in social work. . . . A musical miss . . . in band and orchestra . . . fond of French . . . member of basketball and tennis teams. . .



THOMAS J. MADDEN

Tom wrestled with the College Course . . . highlight . . . Mr. Pope's physics classes . . . memorable event, a perfect Latin translation. . . . His scientific hobbies . . . radio, photography, three years of Camera Club, pave the way to Wentworth and architectural engineering. . .



BARBARA MAGLIOZZI

Sailing through the Secretarial Course, Barbara especially enjoyed U.S. History. . . . On Pioneer staff, senior play committee . . . hobby, knitting sweaters . . . favorite memory, Junior-Senior Reception. . . . Her ladder of success leads to secretarial work. . .



PATRICIA A. LOTHROP

Patty, that sunny-natured gal who played "Purity" in the senior play. . . . Lively program girl, active club member . . . remembered for dance decorations . . . Pioneer and Chronicle writer. . . . Sailed through the College Course . . . sure bet for a happy future. . .



ELEANORA T. LUCCI

Music appreciation and choir are the favorite subjects of this quiet lass. . . . Lenie followed the College Course . . . hopes to go to music school and become a music teacher. . . . Found chemistry and second-period study most fun. . .



JANE LUMB

Janie . . . the cute little gal with the big brown eyes . . . has followed the General Course . . . where she found English and typing most pleasant. . . . Only pet peeve is malicious girls . . . hopes to become a telephone operator. . .



THOMAS W. LYLE

Always seen smiling . . . Tommy maintains a profitable hobby of raising chickens . . . pursued the Scientific Course. . . . Next September, hopes to attend college. . . . Don't let your peeve get you down, Tom . . . we all must do homework. . .

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ALAN MARTIN

Al . . . ambitious to get out of school. . . . Heartily disliked that climb to the third floor every morning. . . . After graduation he plans to work in the field of hearing aids. . . . His favorite subject in the General Course, biology. . .



CHARLES J. MATTHEWS

Quiet . . . but mischievous . . . Chuck . . . one of our golfing enthusiasts . . . who may usually be found at Meadowbrook. . . . Math and fourth-period study rate high with Charlie. . . . "The Pro" hopes to become a traveling salesman. . .



NANCY L. MAXWELL

French ranks as favorite for "Max" in the college course . . . a busy gal . . . Pioneer literary staff, Rainbow, Tri-Hi-Y . . . hobbies . . . knitting, baseball, outdoors. . . . Next year, Mount Holyoke College. . . . Ambition, success. . . .



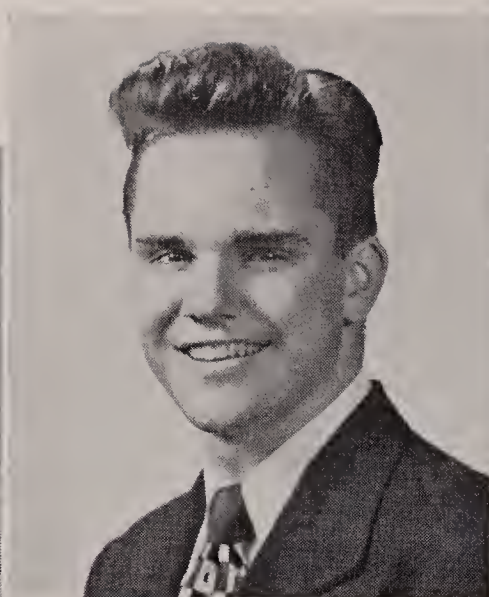
PATRICIA MAXWELL

Beautiful brown curls, big blue eyes, that's Patty . . . student teacher at the Pearl Street School . . . chose the Secretarial Course . . . claims English her favorite subject. . . . For recreation, likes to dance. . . . Plans for future indefinite as yet. . .



LORETTA MAYNARD

Short and sweet . . . Loretta . . . faithful follower of the Commercial Course . . . active in Junior Woman's Club. . . . Especially remembers getting her driver's license. . . . Her favorite subject, shorthand, leads to a career as a lawyer's secretary. . .



ROBERT McNULTY

The right quip at the wrong time . . . that's Mac . . . who sailed through the College Course . . . with biology his favorite subject. . . . Our future veterinarian will never forget passing his sophomore mid-years. . . . Next year, college . . . inevitably, success. . .



JOSEPH M. MEIER

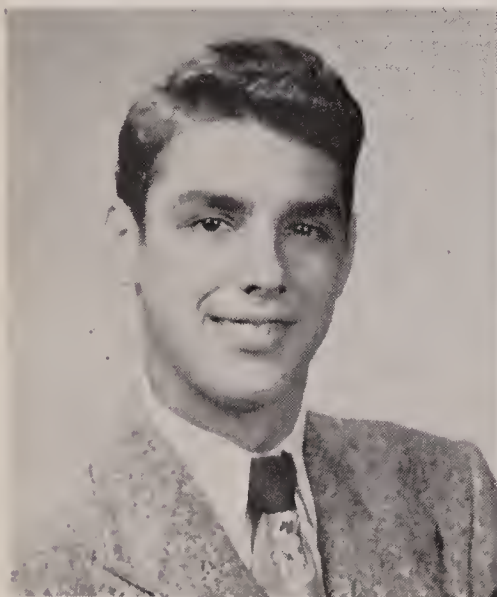
For three years Joe has lent his ever-present sense of humor to the General Course. . . . Activities . . . color guard, choir, baseball. . . . Ambition, to be a future Red Soxer . . . see you on the mound at Fenway, Joe. . .



ALBION METCALF

Look pretty at the birdie! . . . it's "Clipsie", president of the Camera Club . . . head of the senior play technical committee . . . remembers three years of cheerleaders. . . . Hopes to become a fashion photographer . . . maybe we'll see him in Hollywood. . .

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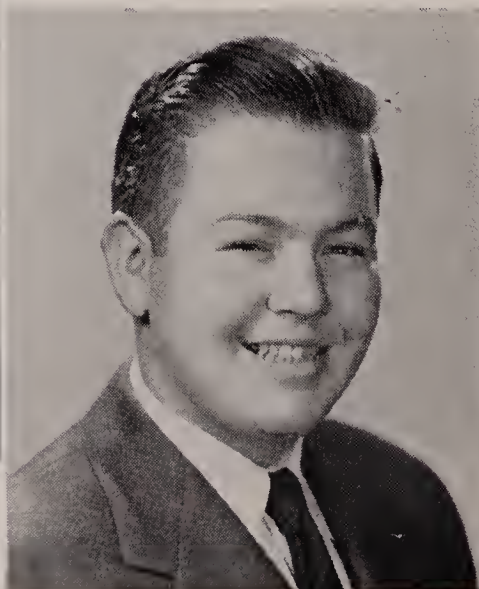
ROBERT D. MEUSE

Rocky . . . familiar figure at R.H.S. . . . followed the General Course . . . asset on the gridiron his junior year . . . capable manager of the '47 Rockets. . . . Rocky's hobby, puttering with odd jobs, may lead to his ambition . . . construction engineering. . .



SHIRLEY L. MEUSE

Cooking and sewing interest Shirl . . . member of the Practical Arts Course. . . . She's looking forward to a career as a dress-designer. . . . Junior Woman's Club and Pioneer, together with ticket-selling, helped to keep her busy. . .



JOHN MILLER

Good-natured Johnny . . . collects Dixie-land jazz. . . . Plans to install an elevator for Reading High's tired seniors. . . . Active in the senior play, Pioneer staff. . . . Johnny hopes to enter the University of New Hampshire and study chemical engineering. . .



LEE H. MILLER

Lee . . . our spirited blonde cheerleader. . . . Usually found typing for Mr. Bronner . . . or studying her part in the senior play. . . . Busy with Tri-Hi-Y, Junior Woman's Club. . . . Next year will find Lee at Colby Junior, preparing to be a legal secretary. . .



BLAIR METCALF

Shop is "the" subject, says Blair . . . ardent follower of the Shop Course . . . skilled in making model planes. . . . Blair plans to don bell-bottom trousers after graduation . . . looks forward to the advent of his navy pension. . .



BARBARA MEUSE

Personality plus . . . that's "Archie" . . . of the Commercial Course. . . . She'll be a bookkeeper in the Pilgrim Trust Bank. . . . Captain of girls' basketball second team . . . Mr. Hanlon's secretary . . . Membership in Junior Woman's Club, program girls claims "Archie's" time. . .



CHRISTINE MEUSE

Chris . . . collector of dog statues and ardent lover of horses. . . . Her commercial courses will someday help her to run a ranch . . . breeding dogs and thoroughbreds. . . . Next year, University of Massachusetts or Stockbridge School of Agriculture. . .



JEAN MEUSE

Home economics is the main interest of this quiet lass . . . whose ambition is to run her own dress shop some day. . . . Among her activities, Pioneer and Junior Woman's Club. . . . Success to our future Schiaparelli. . .

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ETHEL MILLEY

Ethel . . . one of our better business girls. . . . Ambition, to be the perfect secretary. . . . Ticket seller. . . . Pet peeve, ferocious gum-chewers. . . . Spends her spare time reading good books. . . . Says she'll never forget Miss Batchelder's English classes. . .



ROY MORIN

Roy . . . a smooth-talking boy from North Reading . . . whose dimples are the envy of every girl in town. . . . Bores are his only peeve . . . his hobbies, dancing and piano. . . . Wants to be a successful salesman. . .



GEORGE MORRIS

President in our sophomore and junior years . . . George . . . an ambitious worker for our class . . . standout in football, basketball, baseball . . . member of the Headmaster's Cabinet and Youth Council. . . . His next goal is Dartmouth . . . then, success. . .



ROBERT MORROW

Buster dislikes the cafeteria's hot specials . . . so perhaps he should become a chef. . . . His ambitions run along different lines, however . . . he plans to take advantage of his Civil Service Course . . . will soon be working for Uncle Sam. . .



JANE MORSE

Janie . . . President of Junior Woman's Club. . . . Band, Pioneer, senior play committee, Rainbow also claimed Janie. . . . Amazingly . . . she found time for the College Course. . . . Janie remembers band rehearsals best. . . . In the near future . . . nursing. . .



WILLIAM T. MURPHY, JR.

Bill . . . mechanically inclined . . . likes to tinker with a car . . . his General Course leads to trade school. . . . Bill sang in Choir and Glee Club for three years. . . . His ambition . . . to become a major league baseball star. . .



PHILIP S. NICHOLS, JR.

Work along the mechanical line is Nick's ambition . . . hopes to go to trade school . . . enjoys shop and lunch most. . . . Interested in wood-working as a hobby . . . dislikes conceited people. . . . Nick looks forward to graduation. . .



RICHARD D. NICKERSON

"Nick" has been a successful Shop Course devotee . . . a quiet but efficient baseball player . . . his three years on the team will be cherished memories . . . also loves hockey. . . . Averse to teachers. . . . Graduation is his ambition. . .

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CAROLE A. ORBEN

In the General Course, "Cha" gives math top honors. . . . This modern Portia aims for a law degree . . . dislikes braggarts. . . . Keeps Uncle Sam's postmen busy delivering letters she pens to a member of the Air Force. . .



ROBERT E. OWEN

Bob claims shop as his favorite subject . . . his hobby, fixing cars, runs along similar constructive lines. . . . Pet peeve, English . . . favorite memory, Junior-Senior Reception. . . . Realization of his plans will find Bob as a greenhouse owner. . .



PRISCILLA A. PARKER

It's the Vesper George School of Art for Pris . . . en route to a promising career as a fashion designer. . . . She has shown her talent as an art editor of the Pioneer and on decoration committees. . .



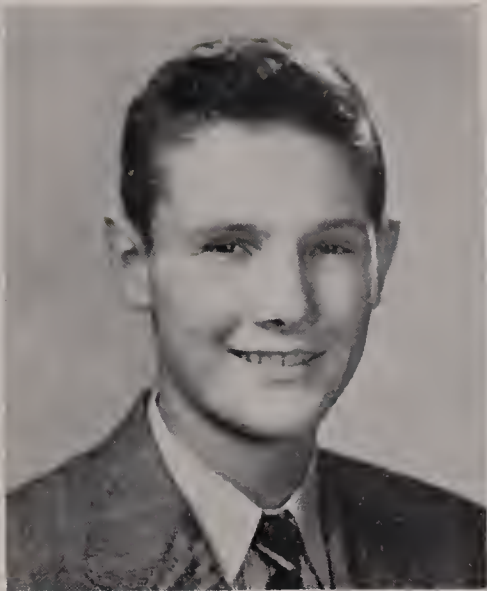
JOAN PECK

For slow drivers Joan reserves her intense dislike. . . . This otherwise amiable lass has sailed through the Secretarial Course . . . looking forward to an office position. . . . At R.H.S. she has served as typist for Mr. Spencer. . .



ROBERT D. NORWOOD

Any subject he "gets a good mark in" wins Bob's acclamation . . . but school in general is his pet peeve. . . . Active on the Youth Council. . . . Bob hopes to have time in the future for fishing. . .



FRANCIS O'BRIEN

"Chubby" . . . whose ambition is to own a controlling interest in a major-league baseball team . . . high scorer in basketball and baseball . . . worked on senior play committee and Pioneer. . . . It's Boston College for this good-natured lad. . .



WILLIAM E. O'BRIEN

Good looks, personality, sportsmanship . . . all describe Billy . . . capable president of the Youth Council . . . vice-president of the junior class. . . . Football, basketball kept him busy . . . remembered for his supersonic jokes . . . sure of success. . .



PHYLLIS O'DONNELL

Phyl's interests are diverse . . . shorthand, bowling, knitting, swimming. . . . Late buses are the bane of her existence. . . . As Mr. Hanlon's secretary, Phyl has gained experience for her future career. . . . Just around the corner, success in the business world. . .

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ALICE M. PENNO

New England weather and high-water pants . . . these Alice deplotes. . . . Her aspirations lead her to the golden West. . . . Meantime she is following the Civic Preparatory trail . . . to a career as a comptometer operator. . .



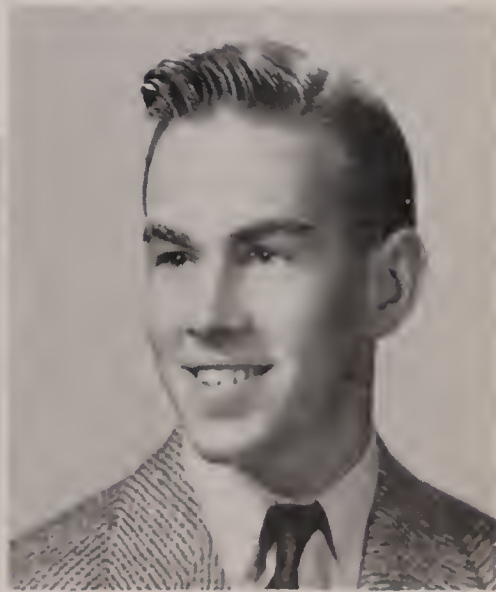
ROBERT J. PETERSON

"The boy with the Toni" . . . wows the girls . . . Pete . . . an all-star in every way. . . . Winner of the Ingersoll Award, after three terrific years on the Rockets. . . . Had a sensational trip . . . North Carolina. . . . Is on his way to prep school. . .



NANCY PHILLIPS

A lovely lassie . . . Nancy . . . tall and charming . . . expert baton twirler . . . Pioneer literary staff member. . . . Can't tolerate people who are late. . . . Through R.H.S. and the Pierce School . . . she is preparing herself to be a successful secretary. . .



ALLISON W. PHINNEY, JR.

"Skip" . . . a College-Course man . . . likes French . . . indulges in ping-pong . . . an assistant Pioneer editor . . . member of the Senior Executive Board . . . will remember seventh-period French class. . . . Hopes to attend Middlebury College . . . become first-rate author. . .



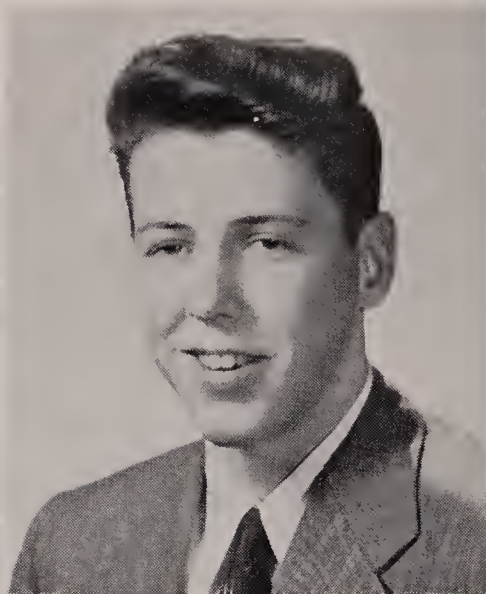
JANET RAYMOND

Janet . . . cute little redhead . . . hopes to attend Chandler Secretarial School. . . . Secretary to Coach Althoff . . . member of Junior Woman's Club. . . . Hobby, sitting behind the wheel of her car, entails her pet peeve, traffic jams. . . . Success to the future secretary.



PAULINE RICHARDSON

Polly . . . sophisticated miss in the senior play. . . . Activities include Tri-Hi-Y, Junior Woman's Club, and program girls. . . . Took the college course . . . hopes to attend Westbrook Junior College. . . . Our quiet Polly has a wonderful sense of humor. . .



RICHARD ROBERTS

There's a familiar ring for all of us in Dick's favorite event at R.H.S. . . the two-thirty bell . . . Dick's pet peeve is conceited people . . . takes the General Course . . . would like to become rich and independent . . . nice work!



FRANCIS ROSE

Captain and flashy shortstop on the baseball team . . . "Rosie" followed the Art Course. . . . Middlesex League umpires have plagued him consistently. . . . A basketball star, also. . . . His hobby, television, faithfully watched all hours of the night and day. . .

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ROBERT SAVAGE

Staunch adherent of the College Course . . . Bob . . . who found time to pitch on the baseball team. . . . Though math rates tops, Bob won't forget physics class. . . . Wants to attend Dartmouth . . . eventually to be his own boss. . .



DIANE SCANLON

"Di" . . . to prepare for interior decorating . . . takes the Art Course. . . . Petite and fun-loving . . . "Di" participates in Tri-Hi-Y, Pioneer, Chronicle staff, baton squad. . . . Dislikes twirling on cold Saturdays . . . with a vengeance. . . . Famous for cute clothes. . .



WALDA ANN SCANLON

Attractive and blonde is Walda . . . chic in dress. . . . Shorthand was tops in her course. . . . Belonged to Junior Woman's Club . . . along with other activities, found time to knit. . . . After graduation she'll join the ranks of Tel. and Tel. . . .



RUTH A. SCHULTZ

Brains and humor . . . Ruthie has plenty of both. . . . She chose the College Course in hopes of becoming a nurse . . . later, maybe, an airline hostess . . . her pet peeve, getting up in the morning . . . but she has "get up and go". . .



MARILYN ROSS

This petite lass would like to enter teaching . . . takes the College Course, hoping for Jackson or University of Massachusetts. . . Loves math, dislikes red-headed boys. . . Member of Headmaster's Cabinet, Pioneer staff, baton squad, Dramatic Club, Junior Woman's Club, Tri-Hi-Y. . .



PETRINA RUSSO

Pete appreciated Music Appreciation in her General Course . . . capable member of the girls' choir. . . Despised making up homework. . . Can you forget that biology class, Pete? . . . A loyal North Readingite, she acquired many friends at R.H.S. . . .



FAIRLEE SANBORN

Lea . . . charming member of Junior Woman's Club, Chronicle and Pioneer staffs. . . Mockers at Torre's, her pet peeve. . . Hobby . . . horseback riding. . . With her pleasing appearance, she's bound to be among the top models in New York. . .



BENJAMIN SANDS

Ben . . . curly-haired six-footer . . . he dabbles in the sciences . . . and will be a member of the N.R.O.T.C. at college. . . A typical North Readingite . . . Ben would like to pass an English test with an A . . . just once. . .

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LAURENCE SCHUMAKER

The Class of 1950's star contribution to football and track . . . Lonny. . . Enjoyed the Art Course . . . preparing for a career in commercial art. . . He may turn out to be a coach . . . because of his proficiency in sports. . .



ROBERT SELFRIDGE

One of Mr. MacDonald's prize shop boys. . . Sully's favorite periods, shop and lunch. . . His homework peeves him. . . Sully's hopes for the future include owning a restaurant . . . making a million. . . Bet his prices will be high. . .



ALMA E. SELLARS

Alma took the Secretarial Course . . . but hopes to become a dietitian. . . Two years a ticket-seller . . . member of Book Club and Rainbow. . . Alma dislikes being photographed. . . Oddly enough, she particularly remembers her sophomore English classes.



ROSALIND SILVA

Full of pep . . . fun-loving . . . Rosie. . . Found shorthand her favorite subject. . . If Rosie skates as well as she twirls a baton . . . she'll realize her secret ambition, to become a professional ice-skater. . .



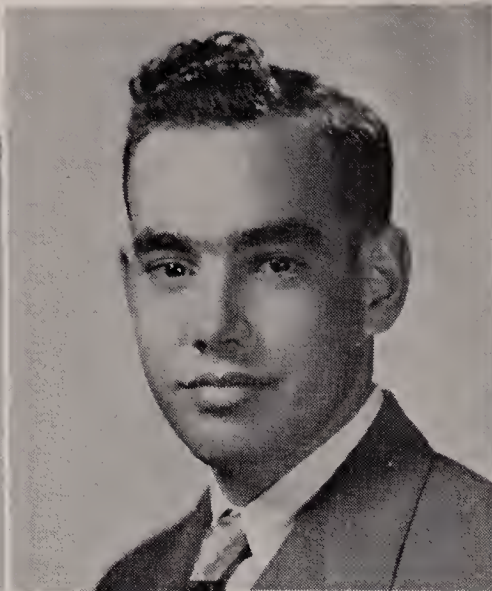
JOAN B. SILVERIO

Bunny . . . three-year member of the girls' choir and a ticket seller . . . favors music appreciation . . . survived the General Course. . . . Teachers are her pet peeve. . . . She hopes to enter nurses training school after graduation. . .



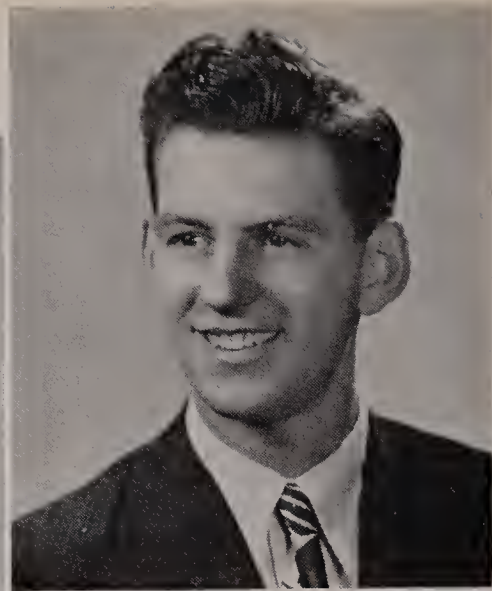
ALMA E. SKINNER

Our cute and vivacious head cheerleader . . . efficient secretary to Mr. Bennett. . . . Photography and dancing appeal to "Bucky" . . . whose secret desire is to become a professional photographer. . . . Fondest memory . . . those senior play rehearsals. . .



ROBERT M. SMITH

For three years, Smitty has been identified with automobiles . . . followed the College Course . . . planning to attend the Lowell branch of M.I.T. . . . Homework and garrulous women are his pet peeves. . . . Bob remembers Mr. Pope and physics classes. . .



WILSON A. SMITH

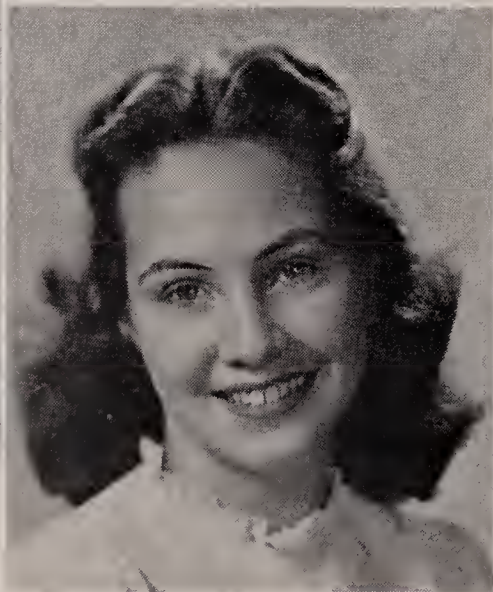
Known for his happy smile, his heckling laugh . . . especially after the senior play. . . . Bill's fondest ambition, to race on the Indianapolis Speedway . . . but he may turn to farming instead. . . . Either way, he'll come out on top. . .

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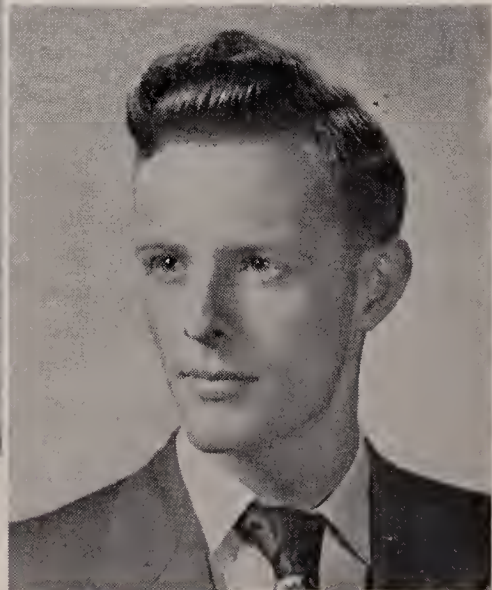
JEAN TONKS

Tall and well-poised. . . . Jeanie . . . our talented drum majorette . . . active on Pioneer staff . . . and in Junior Woman's Club, Rainbow, and Tri-Hi-Y . . . thinks book reports are distasteful. . . . Next year Jeanie will enhance a college campus. . .



SELMA M. TONSETH

One of our peppiest cheerleaders . . . Selma has been on dance committees . . . Rainbow, Junior Woman's Club, Tri-Hi-Y. . . . Interior decorating and textile designing will put her Fine Arts training to use . . . Selma likes dancing . . . would like to travel. . .



CLAYTON TRACY

Buddy's red hair is incongruous with his easy-going disposition . . . another of our many shop boys . . . Favorite hobbies, guns and hunting . . . Pet peeve, teachers. . . . Buddy is anxious to finish schooling and get started on a career. . .



CATHERINE TURENNE

After a year in California Cathy rejoined us . . . kept busy with Junior Woman's Club, Tri-Hi-Y, being Secretary to the Canteen Council. . . . Cathy loves to roller-skate and dance. . . . Insists her favorite class is history with Mr. Bennett. . .



GEORGE W. SPRAGUE, JR.

Homework and loquacious women . . . "Sonny" has very little affection for either . . . one of our favorite, most talented artists. . . . He is ambition personified, as is proved by his post-graduation plans . . . day work and night school. . .



ROBERT D. STANDLEY

Bob . . . a loyal North Readingite . . . excelled in the Practical Arts Course . . . intends to go into fur farming. . . . Hunting and fishing are his favorite hobbies. . . . Bob hopes to own a business of his own . . . in the future. . .



PAULINE STEPHAN

Our capable Editor-in-Chief . . . College-bound Pauly is hard-working, fun-loving. . . . Rainbow's Worthy Advisor . . . Band, Chronicle Staff, Junior Woman's Club keep her busy. . . . Last year she attended Girls' State. . . . College will claim our Pauly. . .



RICHARD J. SURETTE

Richie . . . one of the many boys that trudged to the Junior High daily . . . during lunch periods he could be seen playing a hard game of volleyball. . . . In the future, he would like to try wood-working. . .

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MARY LOU TURNER

Mary Lou . . . took the General Course . . . U.S. History, her favorite subject. . . . Could be seen selling programs at the football games. . . . Her hobby is playing the piano-accordion. . . . Fond memories of R.H.S. include math with Mr. Crowley. . .



LINDA E. VAN HORN

Quiet 'n' sweet . . . Linda . . . has taken the Secretarial Course . . . proved her ability as a secretary to Mr. Crowley. . . . Member of the Pioneer and Chronicle staffs, Junior Woman's Club. . . . Her pet peeve . . . girls who bleach their hair. . .



ROGER W. VANSAW

Roger's middle name might well be "hacker" . . . never too busy for a round of golf . . . golf and basketball team member. . . . Enjoys skiing, De Molay, Canteen Council. . . . Plans for the future . . . Northeastern . . . owning a Lincoln Continental convertible. . .



PAUL VINCENT

Vince's happy laugh and gum samples will be remembered. . . . Active in music . . . band, choir, orchestra. . . . De Molay organist. . . . After R.H.S., he'll attend Lowell Teachers' College to study music supervision. . . . His secret ambition, to be a minister. . .



ELAINE H. VORRILAS

A chic brunette . . . hails from up North. . . . "Lainie" . . . took the Fine Arts Course. . . . Favorite memories of R.H.S. . . . two years of history with Mr. Bennett. . . . Her work on decorations for class dances . . . contributed much to their success. . .



RICHARD WALKER

Dick excels in the Scientific Course . . . hopes to follow his brother to M.I.T. . . . Likes to remember the time Miss White failed to give an assignment. . . . Has been traffic officer, senior play committeeman . . . enjoys physics and math. . .



SHIRLEY M. WASHBURN

A dashing blonde from the North . . . will never forget Mr. Bennett's history classes . . . will he ever forget Shirley? . . . "Washie" devoted much time to the Glee Club, Rainbow, Junior Woman's Club. . . . No goal in sight but success. . .



VIRGINIA M. WEBB

A future secretary . . . Ginny . . . who will complete her studies at the Chandler School. . . . Among her activities, Pioneer, senior play committee, Junior Woman's Club, Tri-Hi-Y, program girl. . . . This lass has an ear for music . . . enjoys playing the piano. . .

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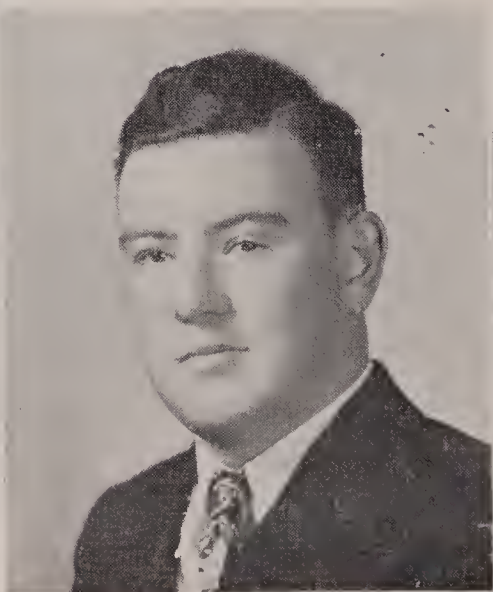
RICHARD WHELPLEY

Dick . . . a four-year math man . . . spends his spare time working on his car . . . and his school time in the College Course. . . . Helped the Rockets on to glory . . . as first-string end. . . . All he wants . . . success. . .



JEAN WHITTEN

Petite Jeanie . . . with the dark brown hair. . . . It was the College Course for this member of the orchestra, Junior Woman's Club, Tri-Hi-Y, baton squad, Rainbow. . . . Active in Scout work. . . . Aspires to be a social worker. . .



ERNEST C. WOOD, JR.

Reliable . . . friendly . . . gentlemanly to the core . . . that's our Ernie. . . . Successful in surmounting the College Course. . . . A good mechanic . . . handy around animals. . . . Next year it's Essex Agricultural School for Ernie . . . then, life on a dairy farm. . .



LOIS YUILL

Lois . . . resourceful and congenial . . . a skillful equestrienne . . . who rates solid geometry at the top of her list. . . . This gal from North Reading pursues photography for a hobby . . . will ride on to higher education next year. . .

M. CLAIRE CHISHOLM

"Chiz" . . . with her musical laugh . . . returned to R.H.S. and got right to work on the Commercial Course, Pioneer staff, ticket selling. . . . Claire loves to pencil-sketch hopes to make a certain young interne happy. . .

DERMOT DESMOND

Dermot . . . keen-witted member of the General Course. . . . Lunch is tops, says he. . . . Remembers his discussions with Mr. Sussmann. . . . After school . . . look for him anywhere from Room 1 . . . to Torre's with the gang. . .

CHARLES GALLANT

Charlie . . . an art student who hopes to continue his studies after graduation. . . . Frequently found on the fairway . . . indulging in his favorite sport. . . . Charlie's most memorable event . . . winning the Legion Road Race last spring. . .

DAVID E. PELLETIER

Birch Meadow is one of Dave's favorite spots . . . where he can play ball all day. . . . Pet peeve, women teachers. . . . Likes to remember shop, and Mr. MacDonald's wonderful instruction. . . . Ambition, to be a success in some field. . .

LAWRENCE H. WOODS

"Sonny" followed the General Course . . . special interests, music and choir. . . . Homework, the perennial complaint, is his, too. . . . Favors motors of all kinds. . . . His ambition, to be an electrician . . . accompanied by our wish for good luck. . .

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Class History

High upon a mountaintop a snowflake fell, and another, and another, until this mountaintop was capped with the soft white down of the winter's first snow. But there were thick grey clouds around this mountaintop, and no one could behold the beautiful snow-covered peak. After a while spring came, bringing warmth, and with its warmth melting the snow. As the melted snow began to trickle slowly down the mountainside, so did we enter, wondering and faltering, our sophomore year at Reading High School.

We elected George Morris, president; William O'Brien, vice-president; Elizabeth Elwell, treasurer; and Doris Berry, secretary. After surviving two quarters of high school homework, we suddenly came face to face with the first really big examinations of our lives. We struggled with them, most of us making a good showing; consequently, it was with a greater feeling of ease that we met and conquered the finals. Throughout the year we were very well represented on the Honor Roll.

When we again entered the hallowed walls in the fall of forty-eight, it was with a sense of security. No longer did we falter and wonder, but applied ourselves with vigor, rushing boldly on as did our counterpart, which had by then reached the proportions of a healthy stream, bubbling and surging with new-found strength.

Again we elected George Morris president. Joseph Fraumeni, vice-president; Ruth Wheeler, secretary; and Elizabeth Elwell, treasurer, were our other choices for guiding officers. With more of our classmates on the sports teams and three of our ablest representatives in the persons of "Sel" Tonseth, "Bucky" Skinner, and "Dodo" Berry as cheerleaders, we felt as though we were really contributing to school life. We staged a most successful Junior Prom in December of the year, fanning a number of glowing fancies into flaming romances. With the prospect of a treasury loss facing us in the Junior-Senior Reception, we put our hearts into the thing, staging the first Reception in some time that bore recording in black ink. When we watched the seniors on Class Day, at the Reception, and at Graduation, we perceived an element of sadness. We wondered if it might not touch us too.

After the long vacation we returned, surprised at the growth in stature and prestige that ten weeks had ac-

corded us. By now the stream had swollen to a river, flowing mightily and majestically to the sea. There were obstacles, but with the power gained from time, the river surged easily past them. No, nothing would stop this river now. It had come this far and would not be stopped!

To head us for the senior year we selected Joseph Fraumeni, president; Carolyn Snow, vice-president; Ruth Wheeler, secretary; and Elizabeth Elwell, treasurer. It was a wonderful feeling to be seniors. We cheered the hardest we ever had, while our classmates played their most inspired games. At first it seemed as though the Rockets were not destined to be extremely successful, but soon the victories began to roll in and all lost sight of the few defeats. Shall we ever forget that marvelous Winchester game, when our boys gave their all, our cheerleaders gave their all, we gave our all — and the Reading Rockets won!

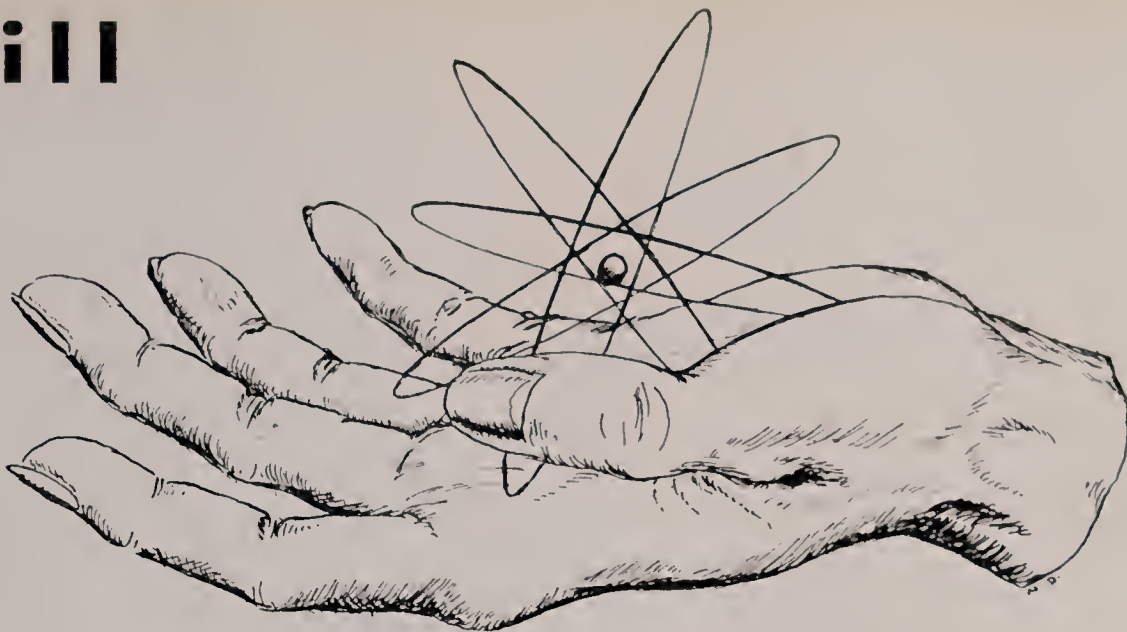
We chose a real old-fashioned "mellow drammer" entitled *Pure As the Driven Snow*, or *A Working Girl's Secret*, for our senior production. It brought to light many new talents and spotlighted several old hands at the business. With the aid of the elements we put on an extremely touching production. When the evening of Friday, December second, was over, we beheld many of our friends in a different light than before.

After much discussion in class meeting, the Student Council, and the Senior Executive Board, we voted to have a Senior Prom. On April twenty-eighth we held our dance at Bear Hill Country Club. We danced to mellow music in lavish surroundings, dreaming our way around the dance floor. That was the night of nights, not only another first for the class, but a packaging of some unforgettable memories.

The juniors gave us the customary Junior-Senior Reception, climaxing a year never to be forgotten. The river had broadened to an unbelievable width. Along the shore stood solid, lasting landmarks, Class Day, the Banquet, Graduation Day. The river flowed silently towards its meeting with the sea. It met the sea, mixing gracefully with the sparkling blue waters. There were no clouds in the sunlit sky and the only noise was the soft wailing of the wind in the tall marsh grass. It could have been called a lament.

Allison Phinney

Class Will



We, the members of the Class of 1950, before leaving the portals of R. H. S. wish to make the following bequests:

ARTICLE I

TO OUR TEACHERS:

To Mr. Sussman — A pair of "clodhopper boots" so that future seniors will know when he enters their classrooms.

To Mrs. Tilton and Miss Underhill — The most modern lie detector available.

To Mr. Bennett — The Starring role in the next teachers' production, "Sands of Iwo Jima."

To Mr. Bronner — A patent to insure the originality of those baggy trousers of his.

To Mr. Pope — A modern physics laboratory to replace the one which is slowly vanishing.

To Miss Archambault — A warrant, authorizing the installation of a light switch in Room A.

To Mr. Halpin — A stepladder and a box of charcoal so that he may continue his work on the ceiling after exhausting the blackboard space.

To Mr. Crowley — A dozen copies of his theme song, "Listen to the Mocking Bird."

To Mrs. Wadsworth — To haunt her waking hours, memories of Sam Hunt.

To Mr. Spencer — All the translations of Virgil's Aeneid which he has been unable to confiscate from his Latin III students.

To Miss Drury — A great big sunny smile.

To Miss White — Happy memories of Tad Cleary - - - "Lest she forget."

ARTICLE II

TO UNDERGRADUATES (AND OTHERS), WITH THE HOPE THAT THEY WON'T SHED TOO MANY TEARS WHEN WE'RE GONE, WE LOVINGLY LEAVE:

To Glenn Brown — The price of one haircut which will suffice for the next ten years.

To Paul Doncette — A diary in which to record his past and future scoops.

To Robert Gibson and the fellows — Complete clown outfits.

To Joan MacNabola and Pokey Roach — Jobs as comedians in a theater on Hanover Street.

To Jackie Batchelder — A spark plug as a souvenir of the black Plymouth.

To future users of Harlow's *Story of America* — Our deepest sympathy.

To the Reading Police Force — Albion Metcalf.

To Dottie Tonseth — Alice Leonard's flirtatious eyelashes.

To all ski enthusiasts — Didgie's book, *Life in the Snow*.

To all potential halfbacks — A pillow from Billie O'Brien.

To the phonies in R.H.S. — Roller skates to hasten their arrival at Torre's.

ARTICLE III

TO THE SENIORS, LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, WITH OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND MOST SUCCESSFUL FUTURE, WE WANT TO MAKE A FEW BEQUESTS:

To Robert Peterson, "Our Hero" — A one-week vacation at Penn. State, (not the State Pen.).

To Robert Hegarty, with his "bedroom eyes" — A copy of *The Sleeping Beauty*.

To Dave Gardner — A 17-run lead in order to insure his "copping" a victory.

To Gertrude Jefferson — A one-way ticket to Texas.

To Roger Vansaw's capable hands — The authorship of a book *Ten Thousand Ways to Argue at a Business Meeting*.

To Patty Lothrop — A pair of sneakers, that she may escape the villainous Mortimer F.

To Jack Flynn — A bottle of Blondex to preserve his "angelic glow."

To George Hama — A comb.

To Chubby O'Brien — Two tickets to his favorite movie, *Dear Ruth*.

To Barbara Kelch — A large jar of silver polish to keep her earrings shiny.

To Doris Berry — Nothing - - she has everything.

To bewhiffled Elliot Cole — Elaine Vorrilas donates a few of her long tresses.

To Jim Killam — A book entitled *Married Life and a College Education*.

To Conrad Grant — A new set of skid chains for his bicycle.

To Dermot Desmond — A record of his favorite song, *That Redheaded Gal*.

To Donald Harris, Bob Hulsman, and Arthur David — Jet-propelled engines for their model planes.

To Manny Heselton — A bellhop's uniform, covered with gold braid.

To Nancy Glover — A dunce cap so that she'll know how the other half lives.

To Jake Ham — A ten-gallon hat to go with his cowboy boots.

To Jean Whitten — A request for a new and better recipe for Girl Scout cookies.

We, the members of the Will Committee, being of sound mind and body, do attest the above to be the last will and testament of the class of 1950.

Wilmon Chipman
Gerald Griffin
William Hamel

Elizabeth Elwell, *Chairman*
Robert Jones
John Miller
Francis O'Brien

Class Prophecy

April 14, 1975

Dear Diary,

I simply have to tell you the wonderful things that happened today, even if I run over into tomorrow. You know it was only 25 years ago that we were struggling in 'dear ole R.H.S.' — may her soul rest in peace. Thinking of the gay old times we used to have there, I just had to go back to Reading. The town hadn't changed too much, but it certainly was larger. As I drove into the town, I spotted policeman *Bob Hulsman* on the common; so I pulled to the curb in my good *Forsberg-mobile*, which *Bob Smith* had sold me many years ago. I asked the policeman what the good word was.

"Don't you know," he said, "that this is the home of the *Chipman Atomic Factory*? Chip even received an award for his efforts in controlling the atom for peace uses. His huge plant outside of town was built by the *Sands Construction Company* and the machinery was installed by *Bill Hamel*, the noted consultant on atomic fishin'."

As we were talking, Bill's secretary, *Theresa Barrett*, passed by, carrying a box of the new collapsible radio tubes made by the *Grant Industries* and designed by the mad professor, *Sam Hunt*. I left the jolly policeman and headed for the tall building which I had been told was the library re-extension. The immense building had huge telescopes sticking out of the roof for those who wished to see the planets and the traffic between them. These ingenious 'scopes were designed by *Dick Walker*, a renowned scientist at M.I.T. As I entered the library, a flash streaked by me, ruffling my new hairdo (developed by the poor man's Francois, *Dermot Desmond*). The streak, I discovered, was none other than *Lea Sanborn*, the manager of the Atomic Plant. Before I could completely recover, her two secretaries, *Joan Peck* and *Janet Raymond*, whizzed by, trying to keep up with her. On the bulletin board I saw that two very interesting lectures were scheduled for the next week. *Don Davis* was going to present his lecture on "Pope's Theory of Philosophical Physics," and *Marilyn Ross* was going to speak on the "Follies of Town Managers." Inside, I met *Alma Sellars*, now head librarian, putting away some new books. Among these books were some of the current best sellers — all by R.H.S. graduates—"The Art of Catching Grasshoppers," by *Dave Carpenter*; "How To Be the Perfect Host," by *Roger Vansaw*; "Life in These United Planets," by *Polly Stephan*; "My Four Years as Captain," by *George Morris*; "An Apology for the French," by *Anne Dube*; "Brute Neighbors," by *Alice Leonard*; "How To Be a Golf Pro in One Week," by *Charles Mathews*; "How to Graduate



Without Doing Any Homework," by *Earle Carter*; and "The Adventures of Little Audrey," by "Skip" *Phinney*.

Over at one of the tables I met *Jake Ham*, B.S., M.S., and Ph.D., talking with the newspaper editor, *W. W. Murphy*. They were discussing whether they would go to hear the Reading Sympathy Orchestra with *Don Bella* conducting; or to the circus, which features *Richard Surette* and *Blair Metcalf* as tall men and *Roger D'Entremont* as the strong man, and the new rave; dancing on top of the big top to *Selden Gerade's* famous band. Two others browsing around were *Wilson Smith*, County Agent, and *Bob Norwood*, the guide at Wakefield and thereabouts. Bob told me that *Rita Lehman* had just opened a training school for waitresses because she was so disgusted with the service she received last winter at *Colin Albee's* Ski Resort that she decided to do something about it.

I noticed on the librarian's desk an ad addressed to diligent students. The Secretary Placement Bureau for Busy Students was run by *Loretta Maynard* with *Barbara Magliozzi*, *Barbara Callahan*, *Alice Donegan*, *Norma Gardiner*, and *Barbara Cullinane* the available secretaries. This seems a wonderful thing for students and their demanding term papers.

As I left the library and headed towards *McNulty's* Soda Shop, I was almost run over by *Polly Richardson* in her new Hudson fly-mobile designed by *Phil Nichols* and with the new-toned muffler invented by "Skip" *Godfrey*. Picking myself up off the street, I staggered into the Soda Shop. *Bob McNulty* recommended *Greenyer's* Coke and after drinking it I felt like an atomic rocket. If you don't think that's strong just try some! Doctor *Joseph F. Fraumeni*, the former mayor of N.R., rushed over and revived me. Having fully recovered, I went next door to Charles' which is now run by *Bob Owen*, to find out the address of *Ruthie Wheeler*, now Mrs. *Francis O'Brien*. While the clerk, *Warren Dean*, went to get the street directory, I looked around. There

was a wide selection of greeting cards — widely advertised as Double Decker Cards, sold by the Decker Co. The pictures on the cards I noticed were the work of *Charles Gallant* and the cartoons were the work of “*Jess*” *Cail* and “*Binky*” *Morrow*.

Glancing at some of the newspapers I found out quite a lot of gossip. The headlines on the *Lawrence Eagle*, edited by *Leroy Estey*, shouted “*Robert Standley* makes mint in mink,” and “*Bruce Barmby*, chief of police, captures the customer’s lost body of undertaker *Channing Burns*.” Also the papers said that *Tommy Lyle* had won first prize (for his chickens, of course) at *Lawrence Schumaker’s* Chicken Monastery. *Petrina Russo* and *Carole Orben* were pictured on the front page in their wedding gowns, having just married millionaires.

On the magazine rack a photograph caught my eye; closer observation revealed that it was *Betty Babcock*, who is celebrating her tenth anniversary as illustrator of atomic products for the *Atomic Weekly*. In the *Fashion Plate*, edited by *Norma Dickinson*, I saw the latest creations by *Priscilla Parker*. The girl posing in the ruffled dress was *Janet Farnsworth*, a popular model in New York. There also was an article written about *Beverly Jeru’s* Dress Shop in New York. *Beverly* recently designed the whole trousseau for *Alma Skinner*, the great inter-planetary actress.

Finally the clerk came back and begged my pardon for not having the directory. However, he assured me that the Telephone Company four doors down would have it. I started in that direction. On the way I passed *Joe Deferrari’s* fruit stand, “Where,” as the sign stated, “are gathered the biggest fruits in town.” Next door was the dress shop of *Shirley* and *Jean Meuse*. In the window was a new creation designed by *Catherine Aglio* and made of *Marjorie Billingham’s* and *Phyllis O’Donnell’s* new copponyl material. The next window displayed a life-size picture of *Elaine Vorrilas* and *Barbara Keleh*, models in New York, with the caption, “Which twin has the skin?”

At the telephone company I met the smiling operator. *Shirley Washburn*, who was just going to eat over at *Christine Meuse’s* Lunchroom. Over in the corner were *Bob Peterson*, still dialing long distance to Pennsylvania, and *Nancy Hathaway Brown*, who was trying to get hold of her husband, who was in Brazil at *Frank Collins’* Rubber Plantation. *Ben Conron* was monopolizing one booth in company with his little black book. I asked *Barbara Meuse*, the secretary there, if she had a directory. After she had brought it, I looked up the address. *Barbara* told me that the O’Briens lived in a mansion built by *Tom Madden*, located on *Silva Road*, named after that famous Olympic skater, *Rosalind*. Near the house was the famed *Wood Forest* (named for the game warden, *Ernest*).

On my way to *Ruthie’s* and *Chubbie’s* I spotted a grand new edifice rising out of *Birch Meadow*. No! It couldn’t be the new high school! But it was; we finally had it, although a little late. I couldn’t believe my eyes, so I rushed inside to see this remarkable structure, the *James Killam* High School, dedicated to the new Attorney General.

In the hall I saw the statue of *Barry Dennis*, the first

navy man to cut a hole through the iron curtain. The first thing I saw was Headmaster *Joe Meier* and Assistant Principal *Rocky Meuse* with secretaries, *Ethel Milley* and *Jane Lumb*, near by. Peeking into the various classrooms, I saw a very efficient faculty: *Eleanora Lucci*, the music instructor; *Arline Cryts*, the English teacher; *Claire Johnson*, the French teacher, (who was teaching the fine art of the French sentence to five girls who looked very much like their mother *Nancy Glover*, co-president of Princeton University); *Dorothy Jordan*, head of the secretarial department; *Robert Arnold*, head football coach (naturally this means keeper of the detention room); *Gordon Gillis*, the psychiatrist for delinquent students; and *Joan Silverio*, the new history teacher, who used *Bouchard’s* Version of U.S. History.

On the bulletin board there was a notice for all those attending *Aldana Livingston’s* remedial chemistry course, and also a list of coming assemblies. *Buddy David* and *Don Harris* were going to demonstrate for the shop students the jet propelled whizz-tizz bicycles which they designed; *Billy MaeBrien* was to tell the future in butchering (meat that is); and *Ruthie Schultz* was to tell of her experiences as an airline hostess on the California-to-Hawaii run, (*Nancy Haines* is president of that airline). *Ginny Kimball*, the kindergarten teacher, came by and I asked her, “What’s new in school?”

“Well,” she said, “*Les Higgins* has just invented an improved comptometer used by the modern office buildings in New York, where *Barbara Anderson* runs one, and the high school just bought one to be run by *Alice Penno*. *Carolyn Snow* is now teaching inter-space language to the Juniors, and *Walda Seanlon* has just been appointed the third grade teacher, and *Albion Metcalf* is giving a lecture on fashion photography and . . .” At this point *Ginny* had to pause for breath, so I said goodbye and started down the hall. In one of the side rooms I recognized *Virginia Webb* giving a lecture on how a high-school student can prepare for the competition for jobs with the robots. In the dramatics room I saw *Richard Roberts* acting out the dagger scene from *Macbeth* to a group of rather obtuse seniors. The walls in this room were decorated by the famous commercial artist *Naney Davis*. In the assembly hall was *Selma Tonseth*, a society woman, teaching the Junior Woman’s Club some new steps for their production, to be presented at the *Rancho Grande* Theater designed by *Linda VanHorn* and her husband after their arrival home from Texas. Out of one of the meeting rooms hurried *Jean Whitten*, who had just been talking to the Senior Girl Scouts. *Jean*, now President of the United Scouts of the Universe, had just returned from Mars, where she was enlisting new recruits.

Looking out the window, I saw the high school airport. The newest jet plane had been given by *Lois Yuill*, the inventor of a new accounting machine. *Donald Blier*, the proprietor of *Don’s Grocery Co.*, has his plane housed here between his deliveries to other parts of the country. As I watched, *Barbara Brown*, the President of *Trans-Airlines*, which assures her a speedy departure to Florida each winter, was talking to her secretary, *Mary Carney*, who had just mastered the language of the outer planets for her frequent communications to Mars, where *Cathy Turenne* is living with her husband. Then I saw *May Hayes* arrive home from teaching in Maine.

While trying to get my car out of a jam between two other cars. I bumped into *Bob Doucette's* truck, which was full of pigs from the *Burbinc Hog Hostel*, and *Dave Pelletier's* snow removal tractor. I felt sorry for Dave because of the lack of snow; so I invited him to join me in a tall glass of *Morin's Brew* over at *Bacigalupo's Spaghetti Shop*. *Claire Chisholm*, the hostess, seated and served us. *Francis Rose* supplies the dough for the spaghetti from his *Lowell Bakery*. Dave was so sick from hunger that I thought I had better take him to the hospital which I knew was near by. On the way out we bumped into *Nancy Phillips*, who was getting some lunch for her boss at *Goodall-Sanford Co.*

When we arrived at the hospital I handed poor Dave over to *Polly Crosby*, who said that she just arrived back from the South with her doctor husband. She told me also that this hospital was run by *June Batchelder*. On the way out I met *Marjory Caulk* and *Jeanne Cooke*, who were working in the office there, and *Jane Morse*, who was just going off duty from surgery. Outside, just parking her car, which she recently bought at the *Selfridge Dealers*, was *Barbara MacLean*, a social worker.

Finally I arrived at the O'Brien's. By this time night had fallen so hard that it rang the bells in *Bobby Jones' mission*. At the house all lights (power by *Berridge* and *Martin*) were lit. The glow cast evil shadows on *Dave Gardner's Home for Men Who Don't Dare To Go Home*. I rang the luminous door bell, made by the *Hanson and Co.* (the and Co. stands for *Clayton Tracy*, who is Don's chauffeur). Ruthie came to the door, invited me in, and told me I was just in time to see her new television set.

Inside was *Frank Fino*, who had just brought back their automobile which had been fixed at his gas station. *Pat Maxwell* and her husband were there, too, to see the new set. I pulled up a chair and began watching the television show.

The voice of the announcer I recognized as that of *Tad Cleary*, who recently wrote the book, "How Perfect Elocution Has helped Me to Success." He was presenting a newsreel of current happenings in the country.

The vehement man on the floor of the Senate I recognized as *Jim Dagdigian*, who was discussing the great opportunities on Mars; his motto was "Get High; Fly to Mars." In another scene of the same Senate session we saw *Gert Jefferson* carrying on a filibuster on the greatness of the Lone Star State.

Then the scene shifted to the latest departures for Mars. *Nat Johnson* just left with her husband, who flies one of the rocket planes; *Mary Turner* also left in the same formation to celebrate with her husband their 25th anniversary on Mars. In the society section of the newsreel we saw that *Doris Berry* had just married a New York millionaire; *DoDo* previously was an actress in "This Can Only Happen to a Lady." *Pat Lothrop*, currently starring in "My Friend Irma," had just left the stage to become a minister. (It is rumored that *Paul Vincent* will be her organist.) *James Knox*, the millionaire playboy, had been offered a girl's hand in marriage.

"Well, that's all the news for tonight."

"Chesterfield (*Ted Gifford* is the new president of the Chesterfield Co. and *Bob Hegarty* is the vice-president—now he has an inexhaustible supply) now presents the Cavalcade of Sports."

On the screen we saw *Manny Hcselton* performing unprecedented feats as Captain of the Celtics; *George Sprague* winning the bowling trophy of the U.S.; *Dick Nickerson* playing with the Boston Bruins; *Lewis Dresser* defending his title of Heavyweight Champ of the World; *Bob Savage* pitching for the Red Sox (*Joe Kennedy* is manager of the Sox) *Barbara Cassely* and *Jack Flynn* skating in the Roller Derby; *Joanne Lane* demonstrating her new tennis stroke; and *Diane Scanlon* swimming the English Channel doing the dog paddle.

George Farr, one of the Men of Distinction, then introduced to the seeing audience "a night at a nite club." Tonight the club happened to be the one owned by *Elliot Cole* and *Billy O'Brien*. The girl singer, nicknamed our "Woesome Gal," was none other than *Merry Armitage*. The singing ice cream trio consisted of *Eileen Desmond*, *Eleanor Fulton*, and *Lee Miller* (strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla).

The next attraction was *Lib Elwell* and her harmonica, and truly, her hands went just as fast as when she used to give a book-report. Then the house lights dimmed and *Thelma Fitzgerald*, the blues singer, came out singing "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

The camera moved from the stage to the entrance of the club, where *John Miller* of "He's All Dolled Up" fame was just entering accompanied by *David Berry*, the designer of loud shirts and dungarees.

"We now leave the Cole Nite Club. This program was brought to you by the *Wilfred Dewey Laundry Concern*. Remember if your shirts come back with holes, we'll give you more (holes, that is)."

"*Lawrence Woods' Vaseline Hair Tonic* presents *George Crouse* and his talent show. If you wish smooth caressable hair, use this tonic as demonstrated here by *George Hanna*, a frequent user."

The first "talent" was *Jean Tonks*, the star of the Ice Capades. Next, was *Dick Whelpley*, displaying his brains by explaining the *Flemming Thumb Dimensional Rule*. The last performer was *Gerald Griffin*, who gave very good impersonations.

Since it was getting quite late, I bade farewell to Ruthie and left for home. I don't know just how I got there after all the excitement I had today; but I did. Well, I guess that's about all, dear diary. Sorry to keep you so long, but once I get started about all the swell friends back in R.H.S. I never can stop. Thank you for being patient and good night, dear, dear diary!

Gertrude Jefferson and Don Davis, Chairmen

Polly Crosby	Pat Lothrop
James Dagdigian	Diane Scanlon
Joe Fraumeni	Elaine Vorrilas

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MOST POPULAR

DORIS BERRY

GEORGE MORRIS

CLASS ARTIST

HEART BREAKER

SELMA TONSETH

BOB HEGARTY

CHARLES GALLANT

NANCY DAVIS

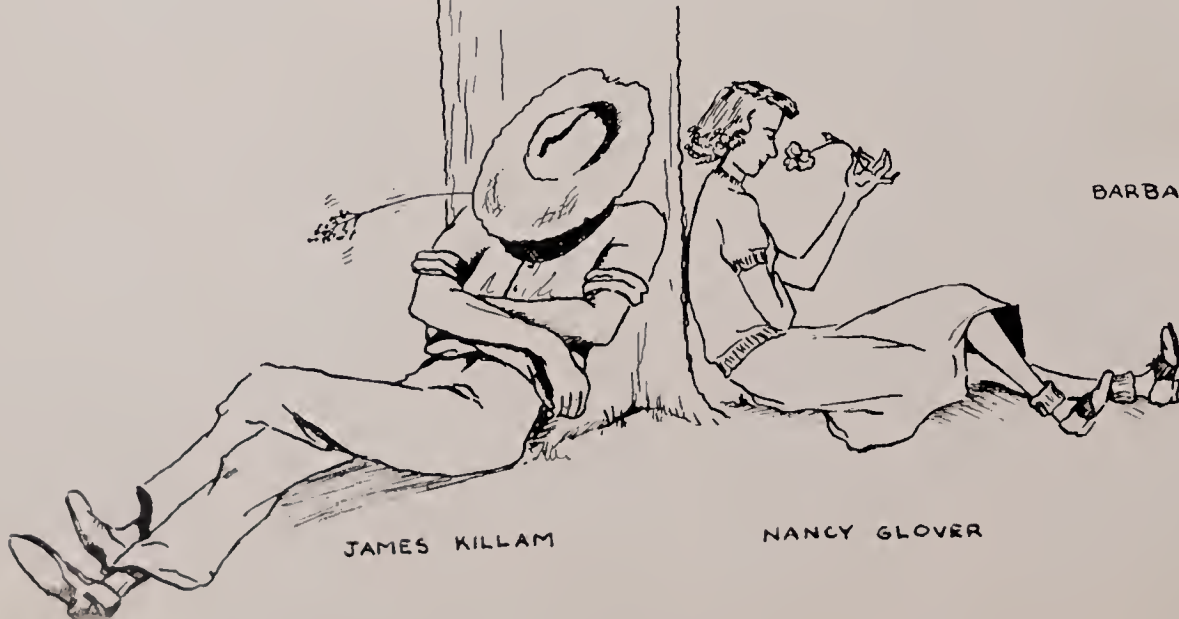
BEST NATURED

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NATHALIE JOHNSON

MOST STUDIOUS
IDEAL R.H.S. STUDENT
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
MOST AMBITIOUS



JAMES KILLAM

NANCY GLOVER



BILLY O'BRIEN



LIBBY ELWELL

50'S

BEST ATHLETE



BARBARA MEUSE



BOB PETERSON

MOST MUSICALLY INCLINED

JEAN WHITTEN

DONALD BELLA

BEST DANCERS



CATHY TURENNE

JIM DAGDIGIAN

BEST LOOKING

SELMA TONSETH
DAVID GARDNER

MOST COURTEOUS

CAROLYN SNOW
JAMES KILLIAM



ELLIOT COLE



BARBARA KELCH

BEST ACTOR, ACTRESS

PATRICIA LOTHROP
ELLIOT COLE

JUNIOR BOY AND GIRL

LESLIE WILLIAMS
JAMES COOK

BEST PERSONALITY



ALMA SKINNER



BILLY O'BRIEN

MOST SOPHISTICATED

NATHALIE JOHNSON
ROGER VANSAW

CUTEST

JANET FARNSWORTH
CHUBBY O'BRIEN

MOST FLIRTATIOUS



JAKE HAM



RUTH WHEELER

MOST SERIOUS

PAULINE STEPHAN
WILLIAM HAMEL



DICK WALKER

MOST RESERVED



POLLY RICHARDSON

MOST VERSATILE

ALMA SKINNER
GEORGE MORRIS

Graduation Program 1950

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

RAISING OF FLAG AND PLAYING OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, Joseph F. Fraumeni, Jr.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER

Dr. Hubert C. Mathews

SALUTATORY

James Warren Killam, III

TORCH ORATION

Joseph F. Fraumeni, Jr., Class President

ESSAY

Carolyn Joy Snow, Class Honors

ESSAY

Donald Goodwin Davis, Faculty Honors

ESSAY

Lee H. Miller, Faculty Honors

ESSAY

Benjamin F. Sands, Jr., Class Honors

VALEDICTORY

Nancy Glover

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Arthur B. Lord, Jr., Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Alexander P. Glover, Chairman of School Board

AMERICA

Smith-Carey

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

BENEDICTION

Dr. Hubert C. Mathews

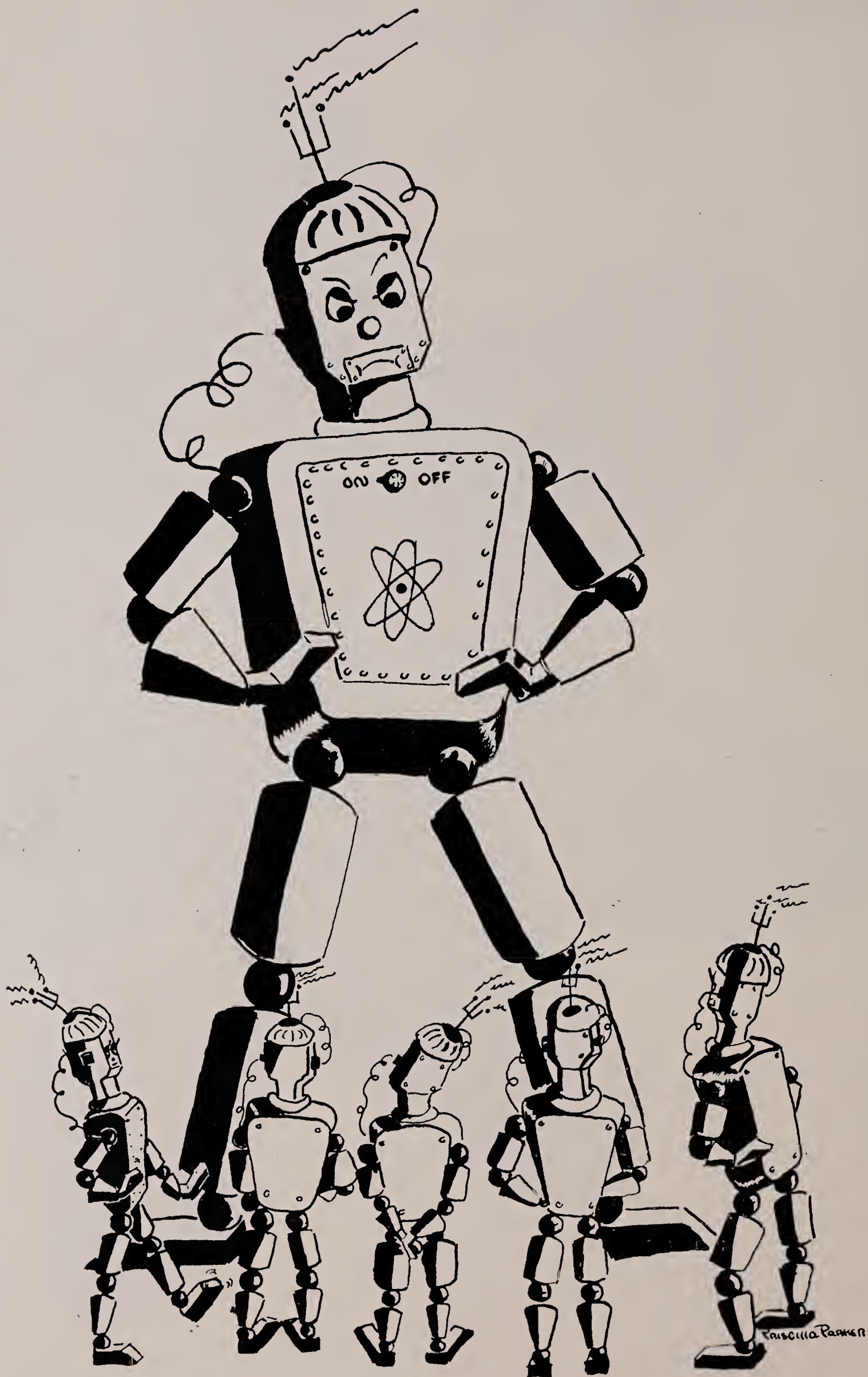
RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

Graduation 1949



U N D E R C L A S S M E N





Sophomore History

"Okay, you're on!"

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. This is Station SOPH broadcasting the events and highlights of the Class of '52.

"I wish we had television, folks, to show you how these hardy souls soon became accustomed to new teachers, new schedules, ducking the steam of leaky radiators, and attempting to jump the bell at lunch time.

"Before long, the spirit of football filled the air, and under the capable direction of coaches Crowley, Bennett, Kevorkian, and Wogan many of the Sophs played on the J.V. Vice-president Tom Lyons made the varsity, and everyone looks for great things from Tom in the future.

"At last election time rolled around, and chosen as class officer were Joyce Frazier, president; Tom Lyons, vice-president; Ellen Hill, secretary; and Helen Ceder, treasurer.

"With the winning of the Turkey Day football game against Stoneham, all eyes shifted to the basketball scene. The J.V. was well represented by Sophomores, who helped

pile up creditable records, as did the girls under Miss Nichols.

"However, into every life a little rain must fall, and the sunshine from Christmas vacation was suddenly obscured by a cloudburst in the form of midyears. Most of the Sophs kept their noses above water, though, and are still in the swim.

"The coming of spring heralded the social event of the year for tenth graders — that's it, the Sophomore Hop. On May 5 our first high school dance became a reality and a success.

"In looking back over the year as a whole, it is gratifying to note the record which the Sophomore Class has made for itself in its first year at R.H.S. Our Junior year presents a challenge.

"The red hand on the clock tells me that my time is up, so with a parting 'good luck' to the graduating class, I will sign off for the summer."

Peter Parsonson, '52.



Sophomore Girls

BETTY ABBOTT
 BARBARA BANFIELD
 JEAN BARMBY
 JANET BARRY
 MARCIA BATCHELDER
 BEVERLY BEARSE
 JUDITH BLAKE
 LAURENCE BOYD
 NANCIE BUCK
 CAROL BURNS
 LEE BURNS
 DOROTHY CAMPBELL
 JOAN CARR
 ETHEL CARTER
 JEAN CASSELY
 DOROTHY CAULK
 HELEN CEDER
 HELEN CHAPMAN
 BETTE ANN CLARK
 ELEANOR CONEENEY
 BEVERLY CORNWALL
 NANCY CROSWELL
 DULENA CROWE
 DORIS CUTCLIFFE

BARBARA DEFERRARI
 EVELYN DELOREY
 CATHERINE DINGLE
 CAROLYN DONLEY
 BARBARA DOUCETTE
 ISABELL FERRY
 MARGARET FINO
 SHIRLEY FLEMING
 JANET FORBES
 JOYCE FRAZIER
 BARBARA FRENCH
 MARY GAFFNEY
 BETTY ANN GALVIN
 JANE GARDEN
 NANCY GIFFORD
 BETTY GIULIANO
 JULIA GLYNN
 SUSANNE GRIFFITH
 RUTH HALL
 ELLEN HILL
 MARTHA HOAG
 MARY LOU HOBBY
 BETTY IVERSON
 CAROLE JARVIS

AUDREY KILLAM
 MARJORIE LAKE
 RUTH LEWIS
 RUTH LITTLE
 SALLY LOTHROP
 SYLVIA MacMILLAN
 JUNE MARCHAT
 FAY McCAULEY
 LOIS McELWEE
 PATRICIA McMAHON
 CECILIA McMANUS
 CAROL McSHEEHY
 JOAN McSHEEHY
 EDNA MILEY
 RUTH MOODIE
 TIEFE MORRIS
 CATHERINE MOULTON
 MARION NUGENT
 JEAN O'DOWD
 MARION O'MALLEY
 GALE PARKER
 THERESA PETERS
 VIRGINIA PEVA
 JUDITH PRIEBE

KARLENE REICHARDT
 BETTE-JANE RICHARDSON
 JOANNE RIGIONE
 DOROTHEA ROACHE
 CLAUDETTE ROCHE
 BEVERLY ROSS
 JUDITH RUSSELL
 ELLEN RUSSO
 MYRTLE RYAN
 KAYE SANBORN
 ELIZABETH SELFRIDGE
 LILLIAN SHIELDS
 DORIS SHULKEY
 MARIE SKINNER
 MADELYN STEELE
 DOROTHY STRASSELL
 ELLEN SURETTE
 NANCY SYMONDS
 BEVERLY THOMPSON
 BARBARA TILLEY
 ELEANOR TURNER
 JOAN TURNER
 IRENE VAN LAETHEM
 ELEANOR WILLIAMS
 JOHANNA WORCESTER



Sophomore Boys

BENJAMIN AKERLEY
DIXON ALLEN
SCOTT ALTHOFF
PAUL AMIRAULT
DONALD ANDERSON
RICHARD ANDERSON
JOHN ARSENAULT
ALLEN BARRETT
KENNETH BERRIDGE
GEORGE BOURNE
DAVID BOWMAN
ERNEST BOYD
CARL BROWN
DONALD BRYANT
RANDALL BULLOCK
JAMES BUNKER
GERALD BUTLER
VICTOR CAIL
BRUCE CAMPBELL
DONALD CARLETON
JOHN CARROLL
ROBERT CLARK
DONALD COLBY
NORMAN COMEAU
JOHN CONDON
JACKSON CORINDIA
BRUCE COURTEMANCHE
HAROLD CREAMER
CHARLES CROSBY
MELVIN CROUSE

PETER CUNNINGHAM
RONALD DeMATTEO
ROBERT D'ENTREMONT
EDWARD DIMMOCK
ROBERT DODGE
DAVID DOLBEN
ROBERT DOWNS
FRANK DRISCOLL
LARRY FREDERICK
CHRIS GALLAGHER
ROBERT GALLEY
ROBERT GARDINER
ROBERT GARDNER
FRANCIS GELOTTI
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ROBERT MacCAUGHEY
WARREN MacDONALD
RAYMOND MacKENNA
BRUCE MacLEOD
DAVID MacPHERSON
RICHARD MADDEN
FRANCIS MARCHANT
WILLIAM MARGESON
IVAR MARTIN
ROBERT McCABE
MARTIN McCORMACK
JOHN McNABOLA
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KIMBALL MILLER
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ROGER MOORES
FRANCIS MUCCIO
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JOHN PEACH
WILLIAM PELLETIER
JOSEPH PENNO
ALBERT PETTIPAS
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DAVID REYNOLDS
THOMAS RICHARDS
PAUL ROBBINS
JAMES ROBERTS
KENNETH ROBERTS
ROBERT ROCHE
EVERETT ROSCOE
WILLIAM SAMPSON
LORING SANDS
WILLIAM SCHUMAKER
DONALD SCOTT
DONALD SMITH
EDWARD SMITH
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JOHN SORRENTI
KENNETH SPICER
JAMES STANTON
FRANK STEBER
RALPH SWEETLAND
LESLIE TARBOX
DAVID TURNER
DOUGLAS TWINAM
EDWIN WALKUP
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ROBERT WHELTON
JAMES WHITE
ROBERT WILLIAMS
GEORGE WOOLLE
EVERETT YOUNG
STANLEY ZAGORSKI
JOSEPH ZANNI





Junior History

As the warning bell sounded its ominous note in September, the members of the class of '51 lifted their sun-blackened bodies from the warm beach sands, spoke a sad *Adieu* to the inviting waters of the Atlantic, and took up pencil, paper, and books for the siege ahead.

We found no trouble in adjusting ourselves to our new perch and soon the "battle of the ballot" came upon us. The duly elected officers were Cynthia Nelson, president; Robert Bell, vice-president; Marilyn Roscoe, secretary; and John O'Brien, treasurer.

The chilling autumn winds did not hold back our R.H.S. eleven as they finished the season in a blaze of glory. Coach Althoff's boys hit the victory column many a time before their season came to a close, while Miss Nichols and her girls basketball team "dribbled" their way into the victory parade. Later, warm spring days were to see Mr. Bennett's grin of satisfaction appear again as his baseball boys launched a very successful season. This year, as in the past, the Junior Class figured greatly

in the success and good sportsmanship of the athletic seasons.

When the moans and groans of midyears were well behind us, and March winds had given way to April showers, the young man's fancy lightly turned to thoughts of — the Junior Prom? Yes, the social function of the year, as far as we were concerned, was upon us. This was met with a lot of ambitious spirit which helped decidedly in making the prom a big success and everybody went home that April evening with a happy smile on his face.

Warm weather becoming warmer awakens us to the fact that our Junior year is waning and that we will soon be leaving Reading High for another summer of freedom and fun. But we keep in mind that next year is our last, and we will be looking forward to its happy times as we assemble for our final session.

Leon Alward, '51



Junior Girls

FRANCES ANDERSON
CAROLE ARMSTRONG
RUTH ARNETT
JANET BAISLEY
JACQUELYN BATCHELDER
MARILYN BERRY
DOROTHY BROWN
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LOIS BRYANT
ANN BURNHAM
JUDITH BUTLER
PRISCILLA CAREY
PATRICIA COLLINS
PATRICIA CONNELLY
THULA COPPINGER
JOANN CROSBY
HAZEL CUNNINGHAM
MARY CUNNINGHAM

NANCY DALTON
JEANNE DONNELLY
ANNETTE DOUCETTE
JEAN DOUCETTE
NANCY DOUCETTE
LOIS FIENEMANN
ELOISE FLATER
BARBARA FLIBOTTE
ELEANOR FOLEY
ELAINE FULLER
GEORGIA GARDNER
SALLY ANN HARDING
LORETTA HICKS
JUDITH HOLDMAN
BARBARA HOLMES
ARLINE HOYT
MARGARET HYNES
BEVERLY JOHNSON
JANET JONES

ANN KROECK
ANN LAKE
IRENE LANDER
JANICE LEHMANN
NANCY LITCHFIELD
JUNE MacNEIL
ELIZABETH MARSHALL
MARILYNN McSHEEHY
GAIL MICH
MABEL MOODIE
PHYLLIS MUGFORD
JEAN MUISE
LILLIAN MUNN
CYNTHIA NELSON
PRISCILLA NICKERSON
JOAN O'CONNOR
LOUISE PENNO
LOIS PETERSON
SALLIE PIPER

SHIRLEY PUTNAM
ANN REED
BARBARA ROBINSON
MARILYN ROSCOE
ELAINE RUGGLES
ELLEN SILLARS
JOYCE SKINNER
JEAN SMITH
RUBY SMITH
SHIRLEY SULLIVAN
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Junior Boys

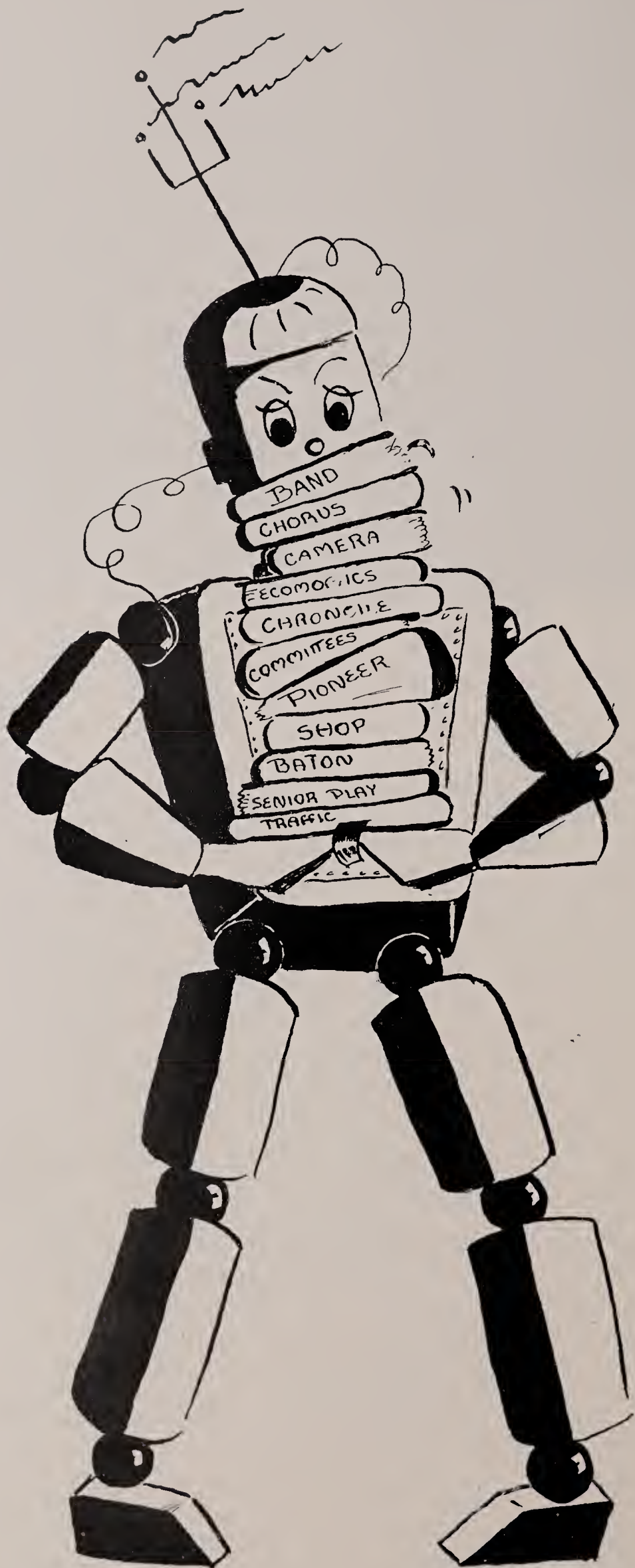
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CHARLES SINGER
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THOMAS TOWER
ROBERT TURNER
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ELWYN WELLS
ROBERT WEYMOUTH
DAVID WHELTON
TONY WHITNEY
ERNEST WHITTREDGE
CLIFFORD WOODSIDE

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JAMES DAGDIGIAN

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WILMON CHIPMAN
WILLIAM HAMEL
WILLIAM O'BRIEN
BOB McNULTY
JEAN TONKS



Literary Staff

We've had a busy year at R.H.S. and we feel that we have accomplished much that is worthwhile. The biggest activity and the one involving the greatest number of people was, this year as every year, the preparation of the *Pioneer*. The literary staff began early to prepare a permanent record of 1949-1950 at R.H.S.,

as well as to write up individually each of the two hundred members of the senior class. But since the literary staff without the advertising staff just couldn't endure, members of the advertising staff soon began to exercise their persuasive powers in the nearest and most distant regions.

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THERESA BARRETT

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ELAINE VORRILAS

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JEAN MEUSE
ROBERT MEUSE
ELLIOT COLE
JACK FLYNN
ELISABETH BABCOCK

Art Staff

Also at work in quiet confusion was that group of talented geniuses commonly known as the Art Staff. These individuals produced some clever ideas which you can see realized on the pages of this book. For instance, the little Robot that lends his charming presence to our *Pioneer* didn't "jus' grow" like Topsy, you

know. He was *created*. And below you can see just what kind of atmosphere is necessary for the creation of such lovable personalities, for there you see the members of the Art Staff in their natural habitat, a room of humor, paint, and talent.

Art Room



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DORIS BERRY
RUTH WHEELER
CAROLYN SNOW
JOSEPH FRAUMENI
ELIZABETH ELWELL
PATRICIA LOTHROP

Second Row

ALMA SKINNER
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JOHN MILLER
NANCY PHILLIPS
BARBARA MEUSE

Third Row

ALLISON PHINNEY
JAMES KILLAM
ROGER D'ENTREMONT
WILSON SMITH



Senior Executive Board

The Senior Executive Board, a group of serious-minded students who guide the destiny of their fellow seniors, is responsible in a large part for the successful activities we hereby record in our year book. With the helpful guidance of Miss Nichols, the Board expertly coordinated the various class functions this year, topped, of course, by the graduation week ceremonies, and started with the Senior Play.

The ambitious members of the play-reading committee set about their important task with a "do-or-die" attitude. They *did*. That is, they chose the most heroic, heart-warming, hilarious play which could be found — "Pure as the Driven Snow," which by this time has gone down in the annals of R.H.S. history as a tremendous success.

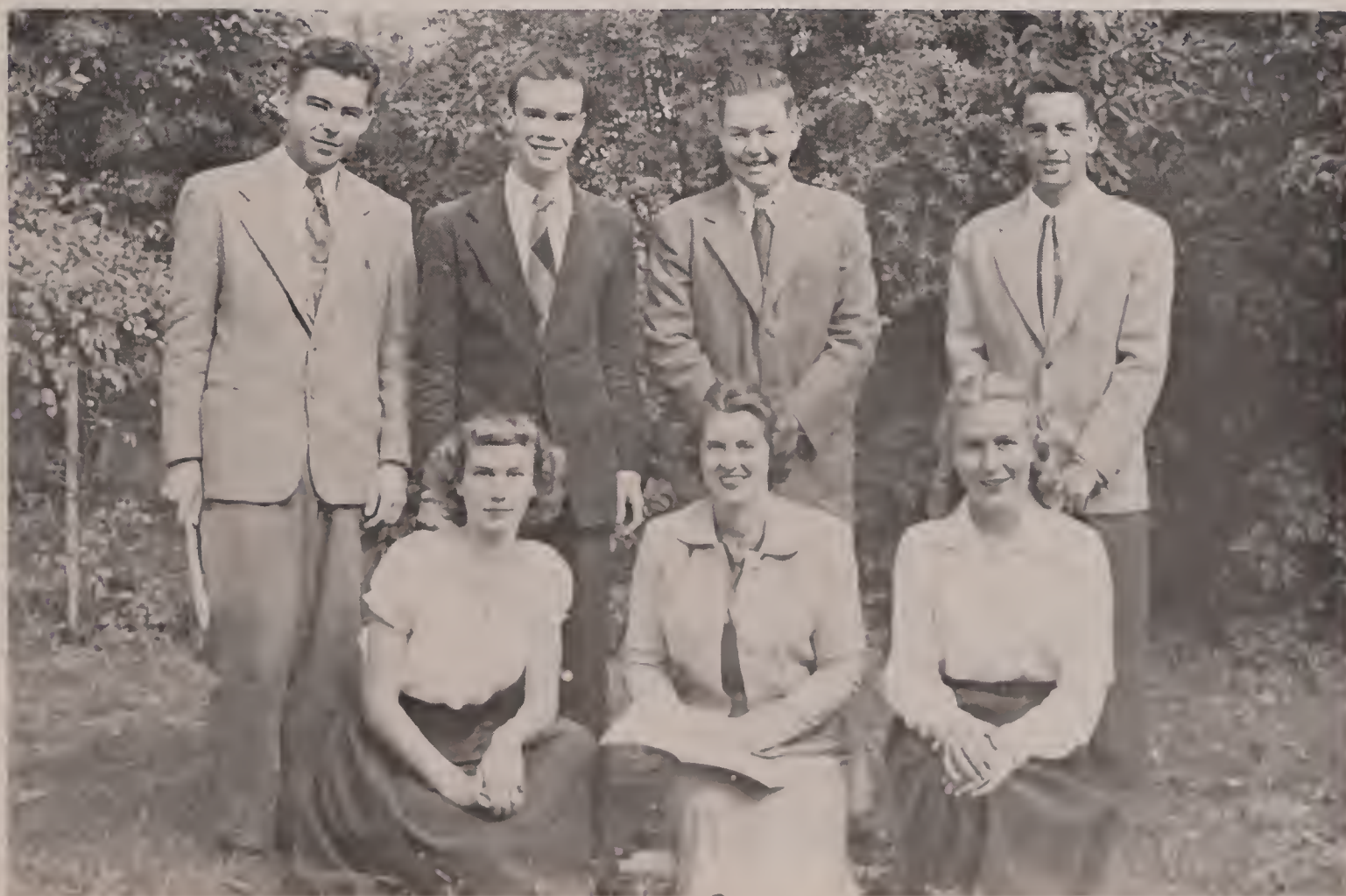
Play Reading Committee

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WILLIAM HAMEL
DONALD DAVIS
JOHN MILLER
JOSEPH FRAUMENI





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ARTHUR DAVID
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CLAIRE JOHNSON
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BENJAMIN SANDS
WILLIAM HAMEL
ALBION METCALF
ROBERT HULSMAN

Senior Play Committee

Remember the flashes of lightning and roars of thunder that frightened poor innocent Purity Dean in our drama? Those were just two examples of the work of all the technical crews who toil behind the scenes. Many a happy senior discovered an outlet for his engineering genius by joining a technical committee of the senior play.

Meanwhile the cast was laboring equally hard to per-

fect their production. Everyone from the pickle tycoon to the innkeeper developed an amazing resemblance to the character he portrayed. Throughout long rehearsals, which were always more humorous than tedious, the players developed the unique accents, quirks and traits of their characters which served to make the final production the masterpiece that it was.

Cast in Action



LEE MILLER
DONALD DAVIS
WILSON SMITH
PATRICIA LOTHROP
ELLIOT COLE
DORIS BERRY
JOHN MILLER
PAULINE RICHARDSON
PAULINE CROSBY
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GERTRUDE JEFFERSON
MARY CARNEY

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PRISCILLA PARKER
PAULINE STEPHAN
JOANNE LANE
JAMES KILLAM
ALICE PENNO
PAULINE CROSBY
JEAN TONKS

Fourth Row

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WILMON CHIPMAN
ALLISON PHINNEY
DONALD BELLA
JOSEPH FRAUMENI
BRUCE BARMBY



Senior Play Committee

Every stage hit owes its success not only to an excellent cast, but also to the oft-forgotten members of the play committees. Certainly this is true of the Senior Play of 1950.

Publicity was well given to our melodrama by Allison Phinney and James Killam. Aiding them with eye-catching posters were Gordon Berridge, Barbara Brown, Roberta Brown, Claire Chisholm, Polly Crosby, Arthur Dalton, Norma Gardiner, Beverly Jehu, Barbara Kelch, Priscilla Parker, Alice Penno, Diane Scanlon, and Selma Tonseth.

The diligent work of the technical crew, with the help of the stage manager, Albion Metcalf, provided appropriate sound effects, lights, and sets. Members were Robert Doncette, William Hamel, Richard Nickerson, William O'Brien, Robert Owen, Ben Sands, and Richard Walker.

Period stage properties were ferreted out by the assiduous property committee: Ann Dube, chairman; Elisabeth Babcock, Arthur David, Jack Flynn, and Robert Hulsman.

Snitable costumes were found by a committee consisting of Virginia Kimball, chairman, June Batchelder,

Claire Johnson, and Barbara MacLean.

Ticket sales were handled by Mary Carney, Barbara Magliozzi, Ruth Wheeler. The Junior High performance was directed by Barbara Meuse, and Rita Lehman.

Handsomely turned out the night of nights were the ushers, headed by Joseph Fraumeni. They included Bruce Barmby, Donald Bella, Barry Dennis, Wilmon Chipman, Roger D'Entremont, Jacob Ham, George Morris, and Roger Vansaw.

Janet Farnsworth, Joanne Lane, Alice Leonard, Nancy Phillips, Fairlee Sanborn, Walda Scanlon, Virginia Webb, Jean Tonks, and Jean Whitten (chairman) were the attractive program girls. The pretty candy girls were headed by Jane Morse, and included Nancy Haines, Nancy Hathaway, Gertrude Jefferson, Marilyn Ross, Ruth Schults, Carolyn Snow, and Pauly Stephan.

Three people to whom goes much credit for the smashing success are Arthur L. Spencer, director; Nancy Glover, student director; and Florence G. Nichols, class adviser.

Hard work by a zealous cast and crew produced the common goal — a happy success.



First Row

NANCY GLOVER
PAULINE RICHARDSON
PAULINE CROSBY
ALMA SKINNER

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ELLIOT COLE
SAMUEL HUNT
JOHN MILLER
LIBBY ELWELL
NATHALIE JOHNSON

Senior Play Cast

This year we wanted an outstanding Senior Play, something new and different — a “mellow drammer”! “Pure As the Driven Snow, or A Working Girl’s Secret” was the successful result. Anyone who was lucky enough to witness the histrionics of our hardworking and talented east will never forget the manly hero, Leander Longfellow (Elliot Cole), who worked in a pickle factory; or the persecuted heroine, Purity Dean (Patty Lothrop), a working girl with a secret; or Mortimer Frothingham (Wilson Smith), the mustached villain.

Picture a dark and stormy night. Purity Dean, alone and penniless, seeks shelter at Dew Drop Inn, run by Jonathan Logan (Don Davis) and his wife Zamah (Lee Miller). Life seems to run more smoothly for Purity when she and the brave Leander meet, but her happiness is short-lived. For Mortimer Frothingham finds her at the inn and continues to press his unwelcome attentions on her. She repulses him. (“Rags are royal raiment when worn for virtue’s sake!”) With the aid of the ex-convict Jed Lunn (John Miller), he hides a kidnapped babe in a basket out in the barn. Purity’s sympathy is aroused and she begs the Logans to keep the infant until its mother can be located. Mortimer begins a dastardly campaign

of villainy and slander which is readily believed by Mrs. Hewlitt (Alma Skinner) and Imogene Piekens (Nathalie Johnson). Allison Hewlitt (Libby Elwell) and E. Z. Piekens (Sam Hunt) provide the love interest of the plot. To get Leander out of the way, Frothingham has him locked up in the pickle factory with a time bomb set to go off any minute and blow him to smithereens. But the clever Leander escapes in the nick of time and prevents the villain from kidnapping Purity. (“Put her down, you hound!”) Mortimer Frothingham flees, ostensibly, but returns, heavily disguised, in the last act. He is foiled for good, however, by the efforts of Nellie (Doris Berry), the beautiful cloak model, and little Wilhelmina is returned to her mother, Mrs. Faith Hogue (Polly Richardson), attended by her maid, Letty (Polly Crosby). Purity’s secret is disclosed, her wealth revealed, and life begins anew for her and Leander, whose great invention has just been sold.

Thanks and appreciation go to Mr. Spence and Miss Nichols, our director and our senior class adviser, and to Nancy Glover, student director. We hope they recall rehearsals and the final production with the same memories as we.

Left to Right

BLAIR METCALF
WILLIAM MacBRIEN
ROBERT SELFRIDGE
ROBERT OWEN
DONALD HARRIS
CLAYTON TRACY
FRANK FINO
PHILIP NICHOLS
RICHARD NICKERSON
EARL CARTER
MR. MacDONALD
RICHARD SURETTE
DAVID PELLETIER



Shop Class

This pleasant group of people passed the better part of their mornings at the Junior High, busily absorbed in the Practical Arts Course. They made their way, forward and back, through many a winter storm. It is with great pride that they have shown themselves capable of producing many beautiful and useful items. The

skills of their teachers and the practicality of their courses have fitted these members of R.H.S. with an appreciation of the value of manual accomplishment. A good number upon graduating will take their places in the world immediately, putting to good use their skills developed in the Practical Arts Course.

Home Economics

Left to Right

THULA COPPINGER
MRS. THOMAS
BARBARA ANDERSON
GERALDINE SURETTE
CAROLE ORBEN
CATHERINE AGLIO
JEAN MEUSE



Chronicle Staff

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3rd Row: NANCY HAINES, NATHALIE JOHNSON, PATRICIA LOTHROP, ANNE DUBE, PAULINE STEPHAN, DIAN, SCANLON, ALMA SKINNER.

The Chronicle staff, our personal public-relations agency, was busy all year keeping John Q. Public of Reading informed of all the doings at R.H.S. This conscientious group of reporters kept a special column, which probably became one of the most widely read sections of the Chronicle, full of all the latest high school news. Everything from guidance assemblies to club activities was included.

Also busy recording the school news, but in a different way, was the Camera Club — a group of flash bulb fanatics who were indispensable in the long run. Their shots of school life, started in the fall when the football team and the cheerleaders went into action, brought us happy memories throughout the winter. We are indebted to them for an accurate portrayal of the events of our senior year.

Camera Club

First Row

ROBERT FOWLOW
THEODORE JOHNSON
VICTOR CARROLL
MR. BRONNER
RICHARD MADDEN
JOSEPH TARBOX
ANTON SPRINGFORD

Second Row

JAMES KNOX
NILS NORDBERG
GEORGE O'BRIEN
ROBERT McCABE
SCOTT ALTHOFF
PHILIP JOHNSON
ALBION METCALF



Band

The band, the most colorful school organization, enjoyed a very successful season under the able direction of Mr. Willey. Right in tune with the school spirit displayed by everyone last fall, the band stepped out behind our football heroes and led the cheering section which spurred them on to victory. Flanked by a snappy

color guard, our new and enlarged band added many a happy note to the football season. Preceding the band down the field at every game was the Senior Baton Squad. The members of this group combined pulchritude, talent, and tricky routines to enliven every game.

Baton Squad

Front

JEAN TONKS

Left to Right

MARILYN ROSS
JEAN WHITTEN
RUTH TOWLE
EILEEN DESMOND
NANCY PHILLIPS
IRENE LANDER
GERTRUDE JEFFERSON
RUTH WHEELER
DIANE SCANLON
ROSALIND SILVA





Girls Chorus

Two groups which combined their efforts in several successful ventures were the Girls and Boys Choruses, under the direction of Mr. Oliver. Together they struck many happy notes, especially during the Christmas season when their voices blended to provide background and feature music for our seasonal broadcasts. Their

voices could often be heard issuing forth from the music room during diligent practice sessions. These two groups seemed to really enjoy their work. That their practice and experience was not in vain became evident when they later formed the core of the new Schola Cantorum.

Boys Chorus



First Row

RUTH LEWIS
JEAN DONNELLY
ELOISE FLATER
SELMA TONSETH
RUTH LITTLE
PATRICIA McMAHON
ELIZABETH SELFRIDGE
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ELLEN RUSSO
CAROLE ARMSTRONG

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BARBARA ANDERSON
SHIRLEY WASHBURN
JOAN SILVERIO
BEVERLY THOMPSON
LOIS McELWEE
SALLY LOTHROP
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NANCY DOUCETTE
THULA COPPINGER
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JUDITH BLAKE

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SUE GRIFFITH
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CLAUDETTE ROCHE

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EDWARD DIMMOCK

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FORD DENNIS



Schola Cantorum

Something new! Something different! Something for everybody! This was the Schola Cantorum, which proved to be one of our most popular organizations as well as one of the most active. In this group, heretofore undiscovered talent combined with interest and perseverance to send music ringing through the corridors. Under Mr. Oliver's competent direction, the Schola Cantorum rose from obscurity to renown through the spring

performance of the "Brooklyn Baseball Cantata."

We must not forget the one organization which, throughout the entire hustle and bustle of all these activities, went quietly about its business of maintaining law and order — the Traffic Squad. Yes, it has been a busy year, as we've been learning, doing, and, simultaneously, enjoying our life at R.H.S.

Traffic Squad

First Row

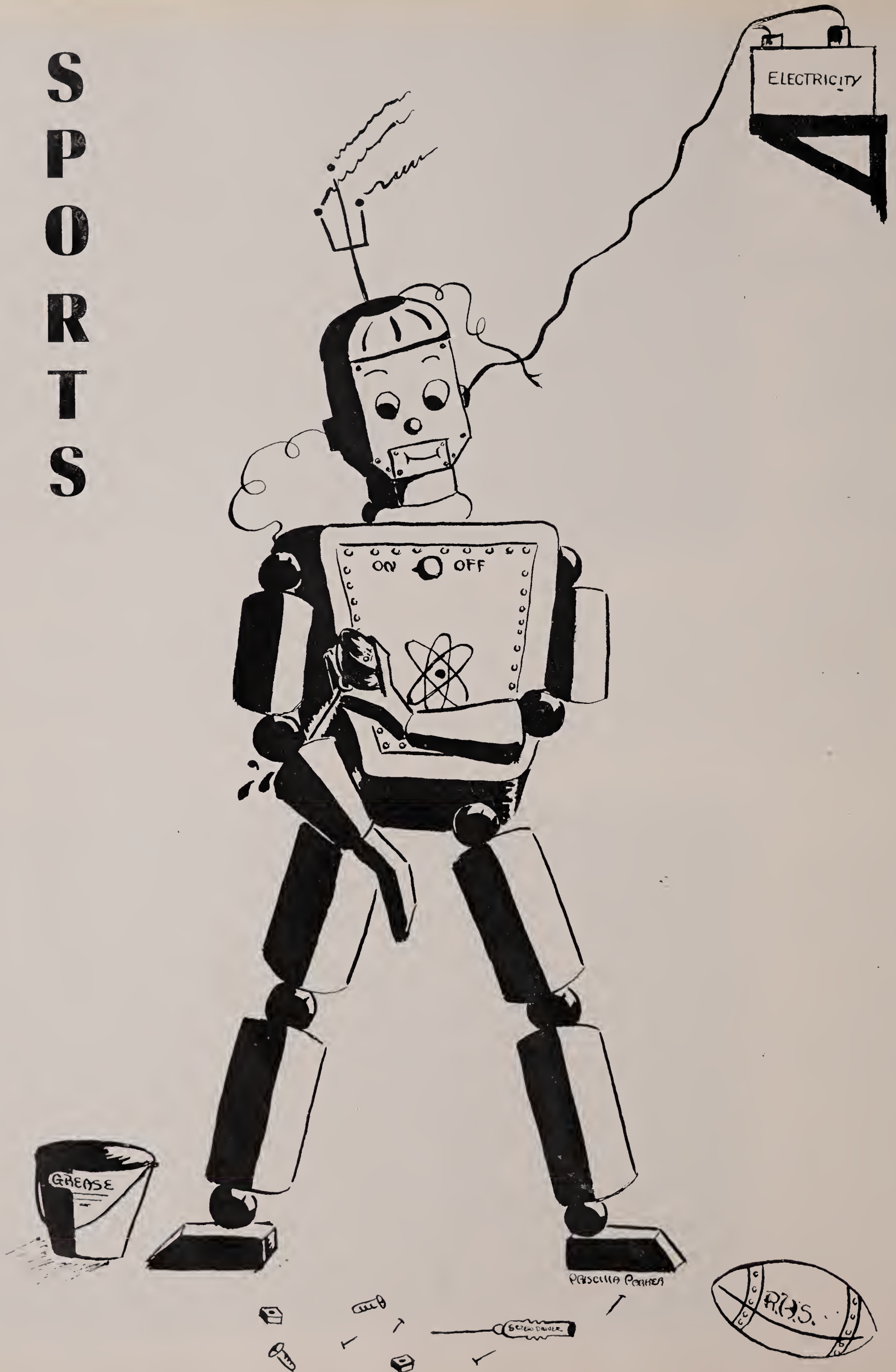
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Football

Despite a bad start, the 1949 Rockets finished very strongly, emerging with a record of six victories, three defeats, and one tie. After the tie and three losses the team suddenly "caught fire" and won its last six games, including an upset of highly regarded Winchester. The defeat of Stoneham, Reading's traditional Thanksgiving Day rival, climaxed the season.

Operating out of the T-formation, with Gibson and Lyons as quarterbacks. Reading boasted many good backs. Morris, Schumaker, Hegarty, D'Entremont, O'Brien, Surrrette, Gadbois, Murphy, and Lyons — all of these played well. The Rockets were fortunate to possess great depth and experience in the line, and a good measure of the team's success should be attributed to the unsung linesmen. Numbered among these are the following: centers Killam and Hadley; guards Dagdigian, Arnold, Deferrari, and Rooney; tackles Bella, Peterson, and Decker; ends Whelpley, Ham, Surdam, Cook, and Roche.

To open the season Reading journeyed to Danvers. In the second period, Morris scored for the Rockets on an end sweep. However, Danvers' weight and power overcame the light Reading team. The localites threatened repeatedly in the final period, but the game ended 6-6. Against Wellesley the Rockets scored first, as Morris plunged over right tackle. Later, two pass interceptions provided Wellesley with a 12-7 margin of victory. The following week, although Schumaker scored from the two-yard line and Rooney tackled a Swampscott back for a safety, two touchdown passes defeated Reading 14-8. On a beautiful day at Punchard, Reading played dull, uninspired football and lost an early lead, going down to defeat 19-7.

Reading gained its first victory, over a favored Woburn team, by a score of 19-0. Early in the game Gibson scored on a quarterback sneak. Then Morris passed to Ham for the second touchdown. Morris applied the

"clincher" with a fifteen-yard off-tackle smash. Scoring in every period, the Rockets crushed Johnson High School 27-6. Fumbles recovered by Whelpley and D'Entremont led to Reading touchdowns. Morris, Schumaker, Rooney, and Surrrette all scored for the victorious Rockets. Against Winchester, as Reading's line played inspired ball, Schumaker plunged for the first touchdown, and Surdam scored on a pass from Morris. Winchester fought valiantly, but the Rockets managed to maintain their lead. Reading's 14-7 victory was one of the major upsets of the year. R.H.S.'s football team gained an early lead and then held off a determined Winthrop attack. Schumaker scored twice and Surrrette once, as the local team won 20-12.

While the temperature hovered near zero, the Rockets defeated Lexington 20-0. Morris, filling in at fullback for the injured Schumaker, scored twice on an end-run and with an intercepted pass. After Hegarty had intercepted a Lexington pass, Gibson scored on a quarterback sneak. Reading scored twice within a minute in the fourth period and ended a successful season, defeating Stoneham 14-0. After Morris had passed to Surdam for twenty-five yards, he gained sixteen more to the Stoneham eight-yard line. From there Schumaker scored on a line plunge. On the kickoff Hadley recovered a fumble on the ten-yard line. On the next play, Surrrette scored.

The following received letters at the Booster's Club annual banquet: Captain Donald Bella, George Morris, Lawrence Schumaker, William O'Brien, Robert Hegarty, Roger D'Entremont, Richard Whelpley, Jacob Ham, Robert Peterson, Donald Decker, Robert Arnold, James Dagdigian, Joseph Deferrari, James Killam, Frank Hadley, George Rooney, Payson Snow, Robert Surdam, James Cook, Joseph Murphy, Robert Gibson, Richard Surrrette, Edward Gadbois, Thomas Lyons, and manager Richard Carleton. Frank Hadley, a two-year letterman at center, was elected captain of next year's team.



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JACOB HAM
ROBERT ARNOLD
FRANK HADLEY
RICHARD WHELPLEY
DONALD BELLA, Captain
ROBERT PETERSON
ROBERT HEGARTY
JAMES DAGDIGIAN

Second Row

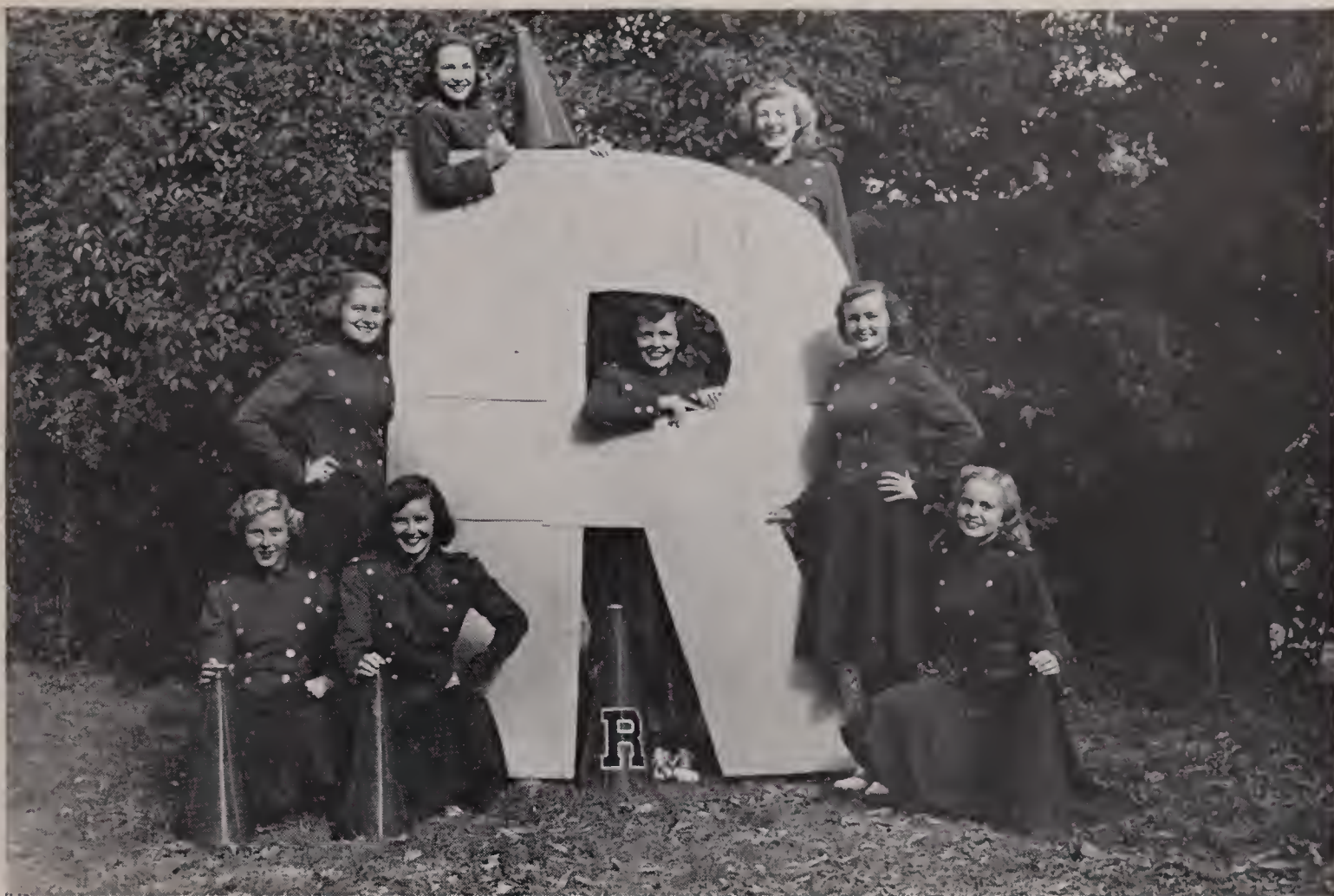
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EDWARD GADBOIS
GEORGE ROONEY
JOSEPH DEFERRARI
ROGER D'ENTREMONT
JAMES COOK
RICHARD CARLETON
JOSEPH E. CROWLEY, Coach

Third Row

WILLIAM O'BRIEN
THOMAS LYONS
JAMES KILLAM
ROBERT SURDAM
ROBERT GIBSON
JOSEPH MURPHY
RICHARD SURETTE
PAYSON SNOW

Lettermen





Cheerleaders

With the publication of this Pioneer, Bucky Skinner, our head cheerleader, and "Dodo" Berry, Janet Farnsworth, Lee Miller, Selma Tonseth, and Alice Leonard, senior members of the cheering squad, say *adieu* and leave R.H.S. spirit in the hands of Elaine Ruggles, Dottie Tonseth, and Leslie Williams, junior members. Many memories remain with the seniors, however.

There were the first try-outs in the gym, and the thrill of being the fortunate ones chosen. That first game can never be forgotten — as we realized how many people were watching us and how many times we made *slight* mistakes! For us the game-of-the-year was our 14-7 victory over Winchester, celebrated by a conga line around the cars in the Square. After each game we led the rush

to Torre's, win or lose, to yell and greet the boys as they came in. And we won't forget our little mascots, Lana Hodson and Georgie Miller.

The traditional Thanksgiving Day game climaxed our football season. The day started memorably for us as we found our own pictures and a write-up in the morning *Post*. After that, we just had to win for Reading, and the boys came through as we cheered with the crowd. Next on our memory-list comes the fun of preparing for the Cheerleaders Dance, and the joy of having Bucky, our head cheerleader, chosen Football Queen.

These are only a few of the memory highlights that the cheerleaders of '50 will always cherish, and for which we now say, "Thanks, R.H.S."



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ANNE DUBE
ELIZABETH ELWELL
MERIDYTHE ARMITAGE
PATRICIA LOTHROP

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VIRGINIA WEBB
BARBARA MEUSE
NATHALIE JOHNSON
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CAROLYN SNOW
MARYLOU TURNER
BARBARA KELCH

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Ticket Girls



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PETRINA RUSSO
JEAN DONNELLY

Second Row

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BARBARA ANDERSON
ANNETTE DOUCETTE
CLAIRE CHISHOLM
JOAN SILVERIO

First Row

BARBARA MacLEAN
ELEANOR FOLEY
BEVERLY JOHNSON
CYNTHIA NELSON, Capt.
BARBARA MEUSE
RITA LEHMAN
JEANNE COOKE

Second Row

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GERTRUDE JEFFERSON
JOANNE LANE
NANCY DAVIS
PAULINE CROSBY
ALMA SKINNER
NANCY HATHAWAY



Girls Basketball

Basketball got off to a bouncing start in early December with many eager girls hoping to make the team. Cynthia Nelson, an outstanding forward, was elected captain of the Varsity; and Dottie Brown, a spirited guard, was chosen captain of the Junior Varsity. The members of the Varsity were as follows: Cynthia Nelson, Eleanor Foley, Beverly Johnson, Barbara Meuse, Jean Cooke, Rita Lehman, Gertrude Jefferson, Alma Skinner, Nancy Hathaway, Polly Crosby, Nancy Davis, Joanne Lane, Nancy Haines, and Barbara MacLean. The members of the Junior Varsity were Dottie Brown, Joanne Crosby, Leslie Williams, Eloise Flater, Judy Holdman, Joyce Skinner, Jean Symonds, Annette Doucette, Jay Baisley, Shirley Putnam, Lisa Marshall, Helen Chapman, Joan Turner, Betty Selfridge, Jean Barmby, Eleanor Turner, Audrey Killam, Carolyn Donley, Judith Blake, Beverly Ross, Dottie Caulk, Betty Galvin, Karlene Reichardt, Lillian Shields, and Dottie Strassel. The manager for this season was Anne Dube, and the official timer, Elizabeth Elwell.

The members of the team were overjoyed when informed that they could use the Joshua Eaton School for their games. Also this year the rules were changed to everyone's great satisfaction — now there was an unlimited dribble.

After the Christmas vacation the team encountered Lexington but went down in defeat. The Varsity lost by a score of 34 to 45, and the Junior Varsity lost by the score of 18 to 36.

The next week was spent perfecting the new unlimited dribble. Having practiced long and hard, the girls met their next opponent — Wilmington — and achieved a decisive victory. Although very fast and

accurate, Wilmington could not compete with the exceptional teamwork shown by Reading. In this very exciting game the Varsity defeated Wilmington by the score of 45 to 20, and the Junior Varsity rolled up the score of 50 to Wilmington's 7.

At Malden, Reading won one game, but lost the other to a very fast team. The Varsity lost by the score of 29 to 39, and the Junior Varsity won by the score of 22 to 10.

In the next game, Melrose achieved a huge margin of victory, while the Reading team just couldn't seem to coordinate very well. The Varsity lost by the score of 10 to 30, while the Junior Varsity lost, 15 to 39.

Swampscott, well known for her fast and accurate teams, gave us our worst defeat of the season. The well-coordinated forwards threw enough baskets to give them a 56 to 14 win over Reading. An equally fast second team defeated our second team 32 to 10.

Our last game of the season was with Woburn. The Varsity finished the season with a decisive win — the final score 33 to 17. However, the Junior Varsity did not fare so well; they lost by the score of 10 to 16.

The high scorers of this season were Eleanor Foley with a total of 66 points and Cynthia Nelson with 61 points.

The girls will never forget the many amusing incidents during the game and afterwards on the bus, especially Rita and her notorious ability for falling. They certainly appreciate Miss Nichols, who never loses her temper or patience and always sees the happy side of everything. Good luck and lots of fun to next year's team.



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JOYCE SKINNER
JEAN BARMBY
LESLIE WILLIAMS
DOROTHY BROWN, Capt.
JOANNE CROSBY
SHIRLEY PUTNAM
JUDITH HOLDMAN
JEAN SIMONDS

Second Row

FRANCES ANDERSON
HELEN CHAPMAN
JOAN TURNER
LISSA MARSHALL
LILLIAN SHIELDS
KARLENE REICHARDT
DOROTHY STRASSELL
JUDITH BLAKE

Third Row

BETTY ANN GALVIN
CAROLYN DONNELLY
ELIZABETH SELFRIDGE
ELEANOR TURNER
BEVERLY ROSS
AUDREY KILLAM
DOROTHY CAULK

Girls Second Team

Golf Team



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RALPH HESELTON
CHARLES GODFREY
RALPH MILLEY

Second Row

CHARLES MATTHEWS
ROBERT SURDAM
RICHARD CARLETON

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JOSEPH FRAUMENI
ROBERT HEGARTY
WILLIAM O'BRIEN
WILMON CHIPMAN
RALPH HESLTON
JACOB HAM
FRANCIS O'BRIEN
FRANCIS ROSE
RICHARD CLEARY

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ALBERT SKANE
ROBERT SURDAM
ROBERT GIBSON
FRANK HADLEY
BARRY DENNIS
MR. ALTHOFF, Coach

Third Row

RICHARD ANDERSON
DONALD CARLETON
THOMAS LYONS
RICHARD GELOTTI
DAVID TURNER
WALTER WELLS
CARL HOVEY
RICHARD CARLETON



Boys Basketball

The 1950 basketball season brought personal satisfaction to Reading fans and players, if nothing else. Although the varsity presented a very disappointing record of seven wins and nine losses, the team did manage to have two of its regulars elected to the Middlesex League All-Star Team. These boys were Captain Ralph "Manny" Heselton and Bob Hegarty. There will be no returning lettermen for next year's team, which Robert Surdam will captain. Throughout the season many loyal fans turned out to see the Rockets in action: several times the Junior High gym was sold out. Those who were awarded their second letter in basketball at the close of the season were Captain Ralph Heselton, Robert Hegarty, Francis O'Brien, Richard Cleary, David Gardner, George Morris, William O'Brien, Jake Ham, and Wilmon Chipman. Those receiving jackets and letters for the first time were Francis Rose and Joseph Fraumeni.

Reading opened its quest for a championship and a possible Tech Tourney bid, following the Christmas vacation, with a thrilling game in nearby Stoneham. Reading was held well in check by a considerably strong opposing team throughout most of the game, but did close the gap in the final period to four points, with the final score showing a 38-34 victory for Stoneham.

Reading's first victory came when Concord came to town. The visitors were defeated by a safe seven points and were outplayed throughout most of the game.

Our second victory came in the following game, when we turned back a very cocky and hard-fighting Wakefield team. The final score was 41-51.

In the following two weeks, Reading's record sagged. The team dropped four straight games and just couldn't get going. Two of these losses were by no means humiliating, as the games were lost to the top two teams in the league standings at that time. Most disappointing was the loss to Belmont, eventual league champion. The game was tied at the end of regulation time, 35 all, but Belmont, in true championship form, came through with several long field goals to "ice" their victory.

The second game against Stoneham showed the Rockets in their finest form. Reading was never even threatened by Stoneham, leading at half time 42-16, and winning 85-44.

After losing two very hard fought games — one to Concord, 29-24, and the other to Wakefield, in overtime, 65-61 — Reading found its scoring eye again and defeated Melrose, 59-46. Bob Hegarty set an individual scoring record for the season by scoring 30 points, 20 of which he scored in the first half.

The Belmont return match broke the hearts of many of the Reading spectators. After the score had fluctuated during the first and second halves, Belmont finally pulled ahead and won by five points, 43-43. The team's five victories were marked by exceptional team work plus outstanding individual skills.

The Junior Varsity finished the season with ten victories and four defeats. Sparking the group of future stars were Robert Surdam, Robert Gibson, Thomas Lyons, Frank Hadley, Lawrence Kelsen, Albert Skane, Ed Bennett, and Joe Murphy.



Baseball 1950



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PAYSON SNOW

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RUSTON RICH
ROBERT HULSMAN
RALPH SWEETLAND
ALAN RUNGE

Third Row

ARTHUR CURTIS
FREDERICK HORTON
JAMES KILLAM
JOSEPH E. CROWLEY, Coach
RICHARD SURETTE
ROBERT MEUSE



Track Squad

Last spring, realizing that there was a good deal of athletic ability going to waste during the spring season. Mr. Crowley embarked upon the formation of a competing track squad.

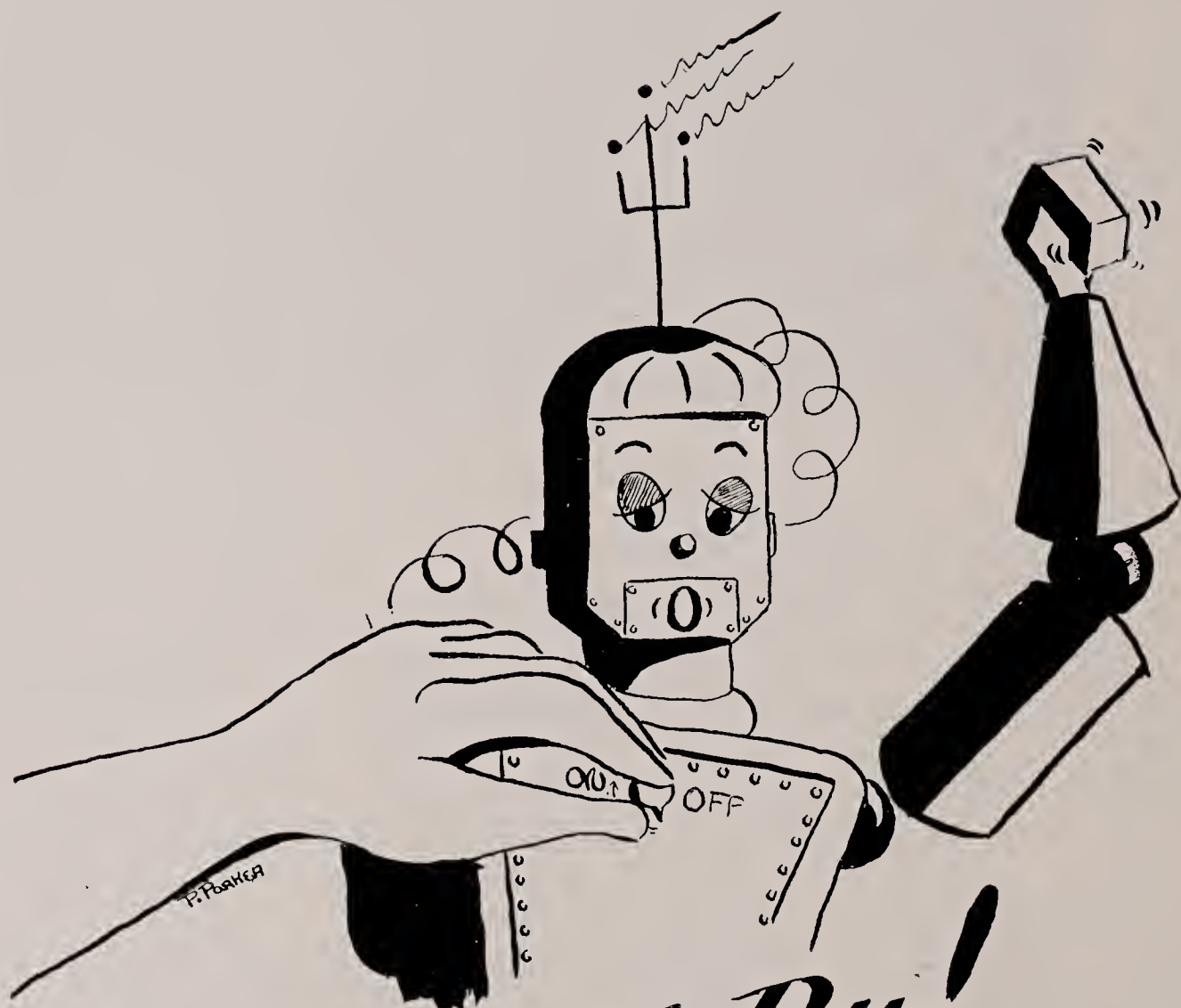
After about two weeks of conditioning, the squad met Andover Academy Junior Varsity in a practice meet. This meet served to help the boys get the feeling of track competition. The venture may be called fairly successful for Schumaker, Johnson, and MacInnis secured first places in the 220 yard dash, the quarter-mile run, and the half-mile respectively.

At Belmont, in a triangular meet with Belmont, Boston College High, and Reading, the squad saw some really keen competition. Although Reading was out-classed, Schumaker did score a few points.

With the Punchard meet came more success for many of the members of the squad. They scored well in the middle distances, and second and third in the mile run.

The Wakefield meet proved to be the most evenly matched contest of the season. The coaching and the practice began to show itself in all the events. Bella and Lehr were the stand-outs in the broad jump; Kelsen, in the high jump; and Sheridan, in the shot put.

The greater part of the talent shown last year belonged to the sophomores and juniors, thus giving Mr. Crowley a back-log for this year. The purpose of the first year was to test and stimulate interest in track. The success of the program has led to its continuation this year with even greater interest and more tangible success.



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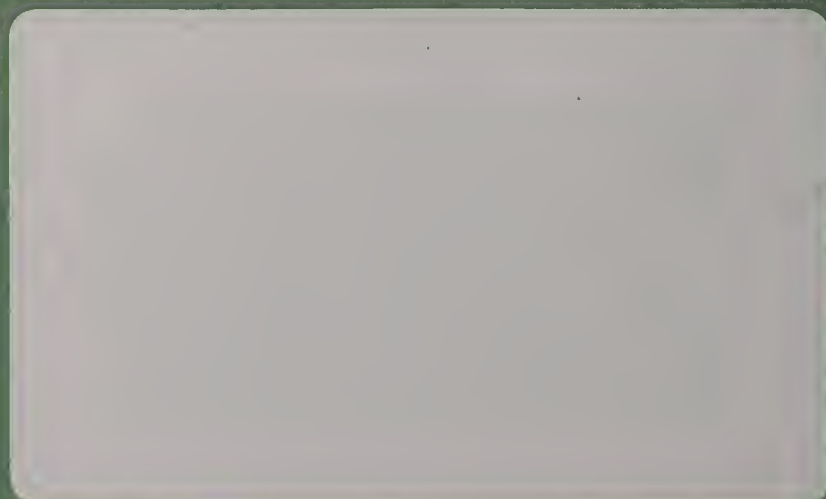
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